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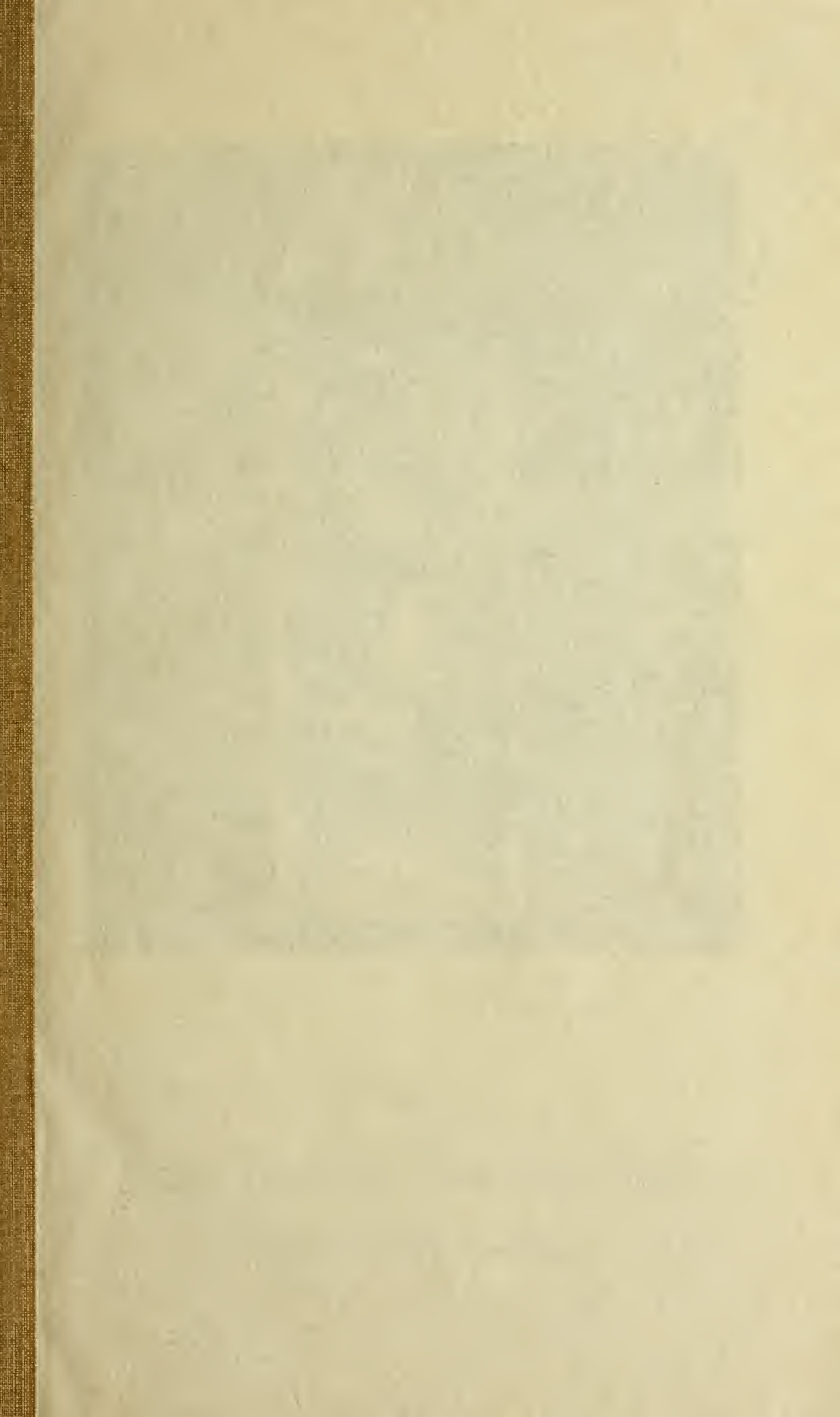
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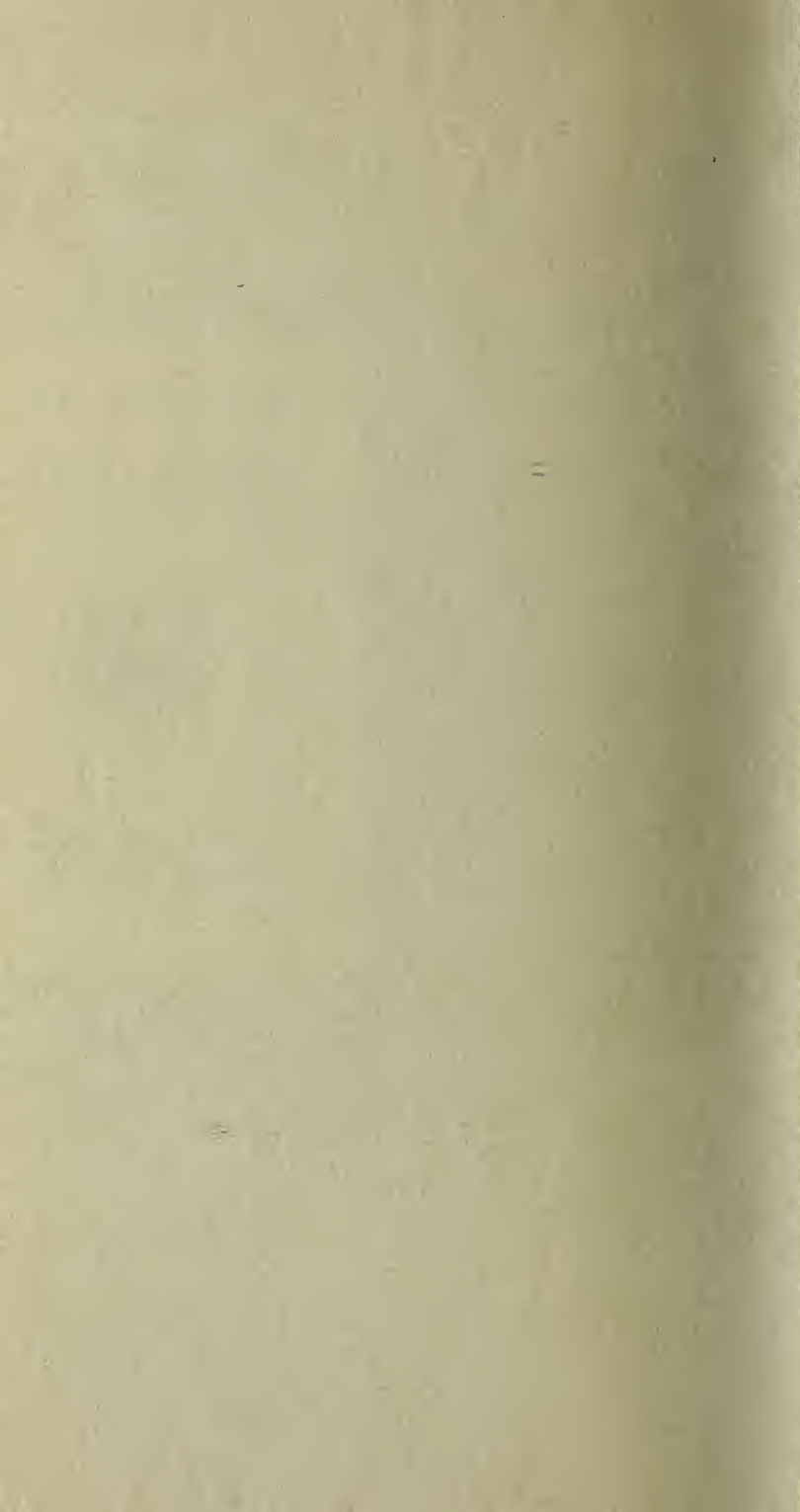
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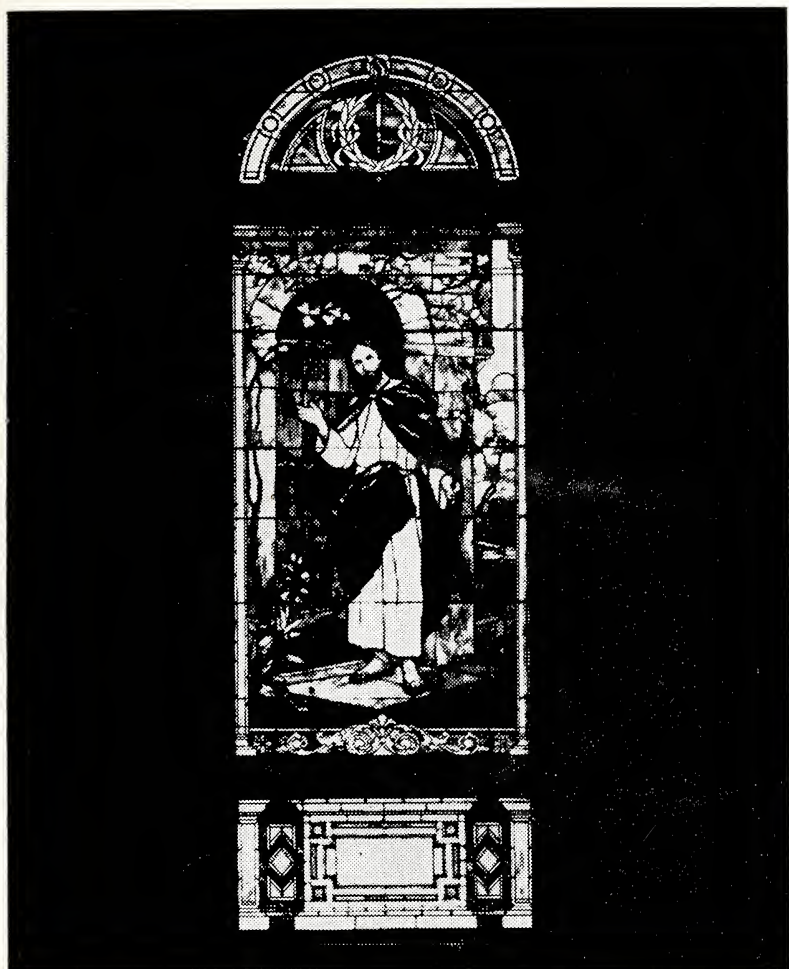
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"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Revelation 3:20

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The Wesleyan Service Guild

FOR
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1959

Wesleyan Service Guild Compiles History

The Wesleyan Service Guild gives to employed women of the church an opportunity to fellowship, to have a definite part in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and to enrich their spiritual lives.

The Guild of Horne Memorial Methodist Church began in January 1943. Mrs. Carl W. Barbee, wife of the minister at that time, was responsible for the organization, and she was installed as the first president. Other presidents were as follows: Mrs. Gordon Pruden, Mrs. Shelbon Hall, Mrs. E. W. O'Neil, Mrs. Y. M. Holland (elected but unable to serve), Mrs. Ernestine Butler, Mrs. A. P. Cavanaugh, Mrs. James T. Vinson, Mrs. Garland Young, and Miss Virginia Satterfield.

Although the Guild is only sixteen years old, it has been one of the most active units of our church, and during the years has undertaken several outstanding projects. We have contributed many times to needy families in the community, and have sent packages overseas. For several years we have made quarterly donations to the Children's Division of our Church School. We have also presented Life Memberships in the Woman's Society of Christian Service to Mrs. Y. M. Holland, Mrs. A. P. Cavanaugh, Mrs. James T. Vinson, and Mrs. Garland Young.

One of our happiest experiences has been the compiling of this history of our church. We hope you enjoy it, and may it mean as much to you now and in the years to come as it means and will continue to mean to us.

CHURCH HISTORY COMMITTEE

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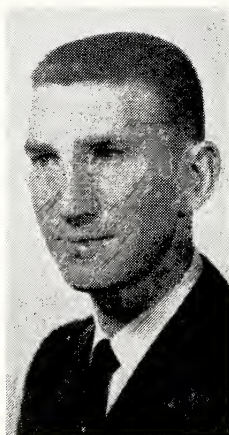
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The Reverend Graham Eubanks
District Superintendent
Raleigh District



The Rev. Clyde H. Dunn
Horne Memorial Methodist Church
Clayton, North Carolina

Message from our Minister

The first impression received upon arriving at our appointment in Clayton was the friendliness of the community. This first impression is one that has become fixed and permanent after living in Clayton and becoming a part of it. Clayton has indeed been a home for us. This is not only because of the friendships which we have made but also because it is the birthplace of two of our three boys.

Horne Memorial Methodist Church also has a very important place in our lives. I have been impressed by the deep loyalty and devotion of so many of the faithful members. Even though there is a segment of inactive members, I am continually grateful for the support which has been given me during my years as pastor of this church.

In a few months we will be leaving the United States to serve among a people of a different race and a different tongue. As we go to Southeast Asia to proclaim the "unsearchable riches of Christ," we shall take with us the love and concern of the people of this community and this church. The joyous experiences and rich fellowships which we have had will abide with us always.

Clyde H. Dunn
Horne Memorial Methodist
Church
Clayton, North Carolina
1956-1959

HORNE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

1859 - 1959

One hundred years ago, April 1859, a new child was born to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This new baby, the Clayton Methodist Church, was organized and a plot of land consisting of one-half acre was deeded by Joseph M. Smith on April 15, 1859, to the newly appointed trustees: Harry Durham, Samuel S. Turner, Lucian H. Sanders, Hilliard Strickland, and William H. McCullers, Jr. This deed of trust, written in long hand, was subscribed to by three witnesses to the instrument; they were Lemuel Shell, Benjamin Trolinger, and J. Dal Smith.

Just prior to this, February 19, 1859, the quarterly conference report of the Smithfield circuit read thus: "The following committee was appointed a building committee to build a church at Clayton: Harry Durham, William H. McCullers, Jr., Benjamin Trolinger, Samuel Turner, and Lucian H. Sanders." At this time the Reverend William Clop was presiding elder, the Reverend Lucian Shell, preacher in charge; and John R. Brooks, associate pastor.

Our first building, as erected under the leadership of these men, was a small square frame building, without steeple, and set behind a small grove of oaks. While there is no available list of charter members, there are five families now remembered, the known members being Harry Durham, Martha Durham, Della Durham, Emma Durham, Mr. and Mrs. John W. O'Neil, Mrs. Nancy Barnes and some of her children, Mrs. Delia A. Ellington, and the Reverend Hines Whitaker and some of his family.

Our first pastors, the Reverend Lucian Shell and the Reverend John R. Brooks, 1859-61, were circuit riders with the following churches on their circuit: Clayton, Smithfield, Elizabeth, Bentonville, Boon Hill, Sanders's School House, Turner's School House, D. Smith's School House, Pine Level and Zion, and Elevation. This was the Smithfield Circuit. From the minutes of the first quarterly conference of 1860, our church was apportioned \$30 for current expenses for the year! At that same meeting, those present decided to hold the next quarterly conference in Clayton, this being the first to be held in our church.

Under the leadership of the Reverend Carson Parker, preacher (1861-62) there must have been some division in interest between home and foreign missions, for one of Mr. Parker's reports to quarterly conference was as follows: "The Presiding elder (William Clop) brought to the consideration of the conference our missionary apportion. On motion it was seconded that the preacher in charge be requested to take up a missionary collection where he may deem it proper and that each donor designate whether they wish the money applied to home or foreign missions."

During the latter part of 1861, J. D. Buie was added as associate preacher. At the same time Samuel J. Turner and William Durham were elected trustees of our Clayton church. In 1862, under the same ministers, Harry Durham and L. H. Sanders were elected stewards.

Now, in 1863, the Reverend L. S. Burkhead, our new minister (or circuit rider) reported, "As I have been so short of time on the circuit, I am not prepared to report the condition of the Sabbath School. I have received none into the church and have expelled none." In July of the same year, 1863, he reported that there was only one Sabbath School "in the bounds"—that he had been unable to start others due to the state of the country (Civil War time); however, he said in March 1864, "There is one Sabbath School at Smithfield in a healthy condition. Our members at Clayton are cooperating in a Union Sabbath School at that place." Mr. Burkhead also reported at this time the names of members received into full connection at Clayton: W. J. Jones, Harnett A. Jones, Ellen Ellis, Lucius Bryan, Mary J. Ellis, Pattie Pool, Amelia Pool, Jimmie Strickland, Susan A. Rhem, Fannie E. Rhem, Eumanus Ennis and Joanna Moody.

Mr. Burkhead made another report to quarterly conference on March 12, 1864, which was very significant: "The trustees of the Church at Clayton beg leave to report that the church and an half acre of land have been properly secured to the M. E. Church, South, by Deed. The Church is not finished; it lacks enclosing with a suitable finish, plastering, painting, and a stove. The trustees hope to be able to finish the Church at some time but perhaps not until the war ends. Respectfully submitted, Harry Durham, S. S. Turner, L. H. Sanders, Hilliard Strickland, Wm. H. McCullers, Jr."

Our preacher in charge during 1865-67 was the Reverend Joseph Wheeler, who, in spite of the Civil War, managed to keep the Clayton Church in operation though he stated that "owing to the peculiar and exciting times upon us, our religious interests have greatly suffered." He further stated that "Three Sabbath Schools were in successful operation at the beginning of the year, with promise of good. These schools have been suspended because of the passage of hostile troops through the country. Most of the churches have been closed for a time and the church at *Bentonille* burned. Under the providence of God we have resumed our labours and hope to see the work of God revive."

Mr. Wheeler's hopes and prayers were certainly heeded for he reported to quarterly conference, September 30, 1866, that the following twenty persons had been received into the Clayton Church: Thomas Sullivant, G. W. Gulley, Madison Durham, Robert Durham, Christopher Jones, J. W. Crocker, A. J. Ellis, Roxanna Sullivant, Tran-

quilla Jones, Cornelia F. Lee, Josiah Duncan, W. H. Ellis, J. C. Ellis, Charles P. Lee, D. W. Boon, George W. Ellis, Rebecca Ellis, Etta McCullers, Mollie McCullers, and Julia A. Bryan.

Again the task of Sunday School work in Clayton came to light. The Reverend T. Page Ricaud, 1867-68, said in a report, "We also propose to inaugurate the Sunday School work at Clayton in a few weeks, and hope it will be successful. This same Mr. Ricaud, twelve years later in Wilmington, North Carolina, met and led Yao-ju Soong to Christ and arranged for his education in this country. Through his Christian influence, his daughter who became Madame Chiang Kai-shek converted her husband, the Generalissimo, to Christianity, giving one of the world's oldest civilizations its first Christian leader.

Sometimes church members were reprimanded for violating church rules. The following is a report read before quarterly conference on May 11, 1868, by the pastor, the Reverend A. R. Raven; it is a good illustration of the church at that time:

"The spiritual condition of the churches on this circuit at most of the appointments is improving. At others the cause of religion has been seriously injured by many of our members engaging in dancing who do not only manifest no signs of penitence but contend that it is not wrong and that it is no violation of the rules of our church because not specified in so many words. Six members have been expelled from our church during the past quarter, three for dancing and three for drunkenness."

Dr. R. Hooker, a local preacher, was brought to account for drunkenness. He was permitted to make an extended statement as to his conduct before the conference; and after making an honest confession and showing a penitent spirit, he was not put on trial. He was, however, suspended from preaching for a while.

A steward since the beginning of our church, Harry Durham resigned in 1869. At that time, Lucian Bryan and Eumanus Ennis were appointed stewards. The next year J. B. Beckwith was appointed a trustee in the place of Harry Durham.

The year 1871 brought to this Smithfield Circuit the first preacher who stayed as long as three years, the Reverend J. E. Thompson (1871-74). There were times when he, as ministers today, was discouraged. One of his reports on the state of the church at quarterly conference was as follows: "I think there has been some improvement in the condition of the Church; but I must say that as far as I am capable of judging, the onward movement has been slow. We have had some revival influence, some awakening and conversion of sinners, but this has not been general. There are many things to be corrected in

spiritual things to which God has called them." He also gave these figures for the circuit: 409 white and 5 colored members, 16 adults and one infant baptized.

Another familiar family name appeared in a notation of our next preacher, the Reverend James F. Smoote (1874-76): "Three weeks ago our church enjoyed a gracious revival influence with the Baptist Church at Clayton, and three joined our church—John W. O'Neil and wife, and Della Durham." At the end of Mr. Smoote's first year, he wrote, "We have been visited with a gracious revival influence at six of the appointments. Between 40 and 50 have professed to find peace by believing in Jesus."

Churches throughout these fifteen years have been dropped from and added to the Smithfield Circuit. At this time, 1874, it included the following churches: Smithfield, Selma, Princeton, Zion, Sanders's School House, Adams, Massengills, Antioch, Elizabeth, Clayton, and Elevation. Imagine one preacher in charge of so many churches, in horse and buggy days!

The Reverend Joseph H. Wheeler, though he served only one year, reported that a meeting of considerable interest was held during that year, 1876-77. New members were received, but their names were not given. Then the Reverend R. M. Brown (1877) continued in the same trend by saying that attendance at preaching was very good and that some good feelings were manifested. He ended by adding, "We are hopeful of results. Brethren, pray for us." On November 23, 1878, he mentioned that the church house at Clayton was being repaired to make it more comfortable. Some of his new members are familiar names to us: Ella Barnes, Arthur G. Smith, W. I. Whitley, Nancy Whitley, James J. Turner, and Gray Gulley.

The Sunday Schools under the Reverend P. L. Herman (1879-81) were "all in tolerable state of prosperity." The superintendent of our "prosperous" Clayton Sunday School was Hines Whitaker.

The Reverend M. C. Thomas in 1881 felt that "the spiritual welfare of the children is a matter of prayerful, practical concern." Also at this church conference, in going over the rolls, he found that "there are a number who have been and are still walking disorderly, some of whom will have to be expelled, and in the cause of discipling, may have to be admonished." A few months later Mr. Thomas added, "The membership is made up in good part of those who are true and faithful to the church, having a number who are of but little benefit to the church, and some who are none at all."

At the fourth quarterly conference in 1881, Dr. L. E. Kirkman made a motion that the conference request the Bishop to divide the

Smithfield Circuit and put Elizabeth and Clayton in the Hannah's Creek Mission. The motion was carried, and this was done immediately.

Very little is known about our church from this time, 1881-1889, except the names of the ministers: R. C. Beaman (1881), A. M. Lowe (1882), A. E. Wiley (1883-86), B. C. Allred (1886-88), R. W. Bailey (1888-89). One notation of interest during this time was that Mrs. Ida C. H. Horne was church organist in 1886. Though the records are unavailable, a few items have been gleaned from the *Clayton Bud* (later the *Clayton News*):

"The Johnston County Sunday School Convention of the M. E. Church, South, convenes at Smithfield on next Sunday the 29th instant. The following named ladies and gentlemen have been appointed as a committee to represent Clayton Sunday School on the above occasion: Misses Alice Lindsay, Ella Barnes and Bettie Sturdivant; Messrs. T. A. Bingham, John W. O'Neil, C. C. Barbour, and Johnnie Barnes. All who attend can rely upon having a good time for the good people of Smithfield are noted for their hospitality and we can guarantee everyone a pleasant time in our sister town."

November 25, 1885

"The first quartely meeting of the M. E. Church will be held at the church in Clayton next Saturday and Sunday. The Reverend Dr. N. H. D. Wilson will preside."

March 21, 1886

"Reverend A. E. Wiley made a very interesting talk to the children of the M. E. Sunday School last Sunday morning, and we are very much pleased to hear him say he would do so again soon."

June 30, 1886

In *The Clayton Bud*, September 1, 1886, the statement was that services were held in Clayton every fourth Sunday of the month. This question appeared also: "Why can't Clayton have a regular Sunday service at some of her churches every Sabbath? Is it because she is good enough?"

Under the new pastor, the Reverend B. C. Allred, the following familiar names appeared in the list of Sunday School officers in January 1887; superintendent, O. G. Smith; assistant superintendent, J. W. Ellis; secretary, John Barnes; treasurer, Miss Jennie Barnes; organist, Miss Kittie Ellington; librarian and sexton, Isaac Farmer.



1889—1911

The church continued to grow under the leadership of the Reverend R. W. Bailey during the year 1888-89. By the next conference year, 1889-90, under the guiding hand of the Reverend A. R. Raven, pastor, the membership decided that after thirty years of continuous use, the first church building needed a "face lifting" and enlarging. At this time the people wanted a steeple; so one was built on it, and within it was placed a bell, the very same bell which is beckoning worshippers today in 1959 to God's House.

Though the records from 1889 to the turn of the century are very inadequate, there is no doubt that the church continued to grow spiritually and in membership under the following ministers: the Reverend J. J. Barker, 1890-92; the Reverend J. M. Ashby, 1892-95; the Reverend M. M. McFarland, 1895-96; the Reverend J. T. Draper, 1896-99; the Reverend S. A. Cotton, 1899-1901.

Under Mr. Barker the following people joined the church: Mrs. Pattie Duncan Barnes, Bettie Smith, A. R. Duncan, Mrs. Alma L. McCullers, E. B. McCullers, Mrs. Lena Barbour. Under Mr. Ashby these names appeared: John S. Barnes, Joseph T. Barnes, and Mrs. Emma L. Farmer. Many will be interested to recall that Mrs. Farmer was a niece of Mr. Ashby, and she came here to live with him before she was married. She has remained up to 1959 a faithful Christian member.

Mrs. Martha E. Gattis joined the church under Mr. McFarland. The names of Mrs. Nina Duncan Whitley, Mrs. Claudia Robertson, Dr. J. J. Young, Porter T. Duncan, David Barbour, and Julia Robertson appeared in Mr. Draper's records.

On October 14, 1899, Mr. Draper said in a quarterly conference report, "I believe we have some as faithful Christians on the Clayton circuit as can be found anywhere and they are constantly growing in grace.

Clayton was on a circuit with four other churches at this time: Elizabeth, Mount Zion, Four Oaks, and Corinth. Garner had been removed from this circuit the year before.

Under the Reverend S. A. Cotton our stewards in 1900 were E. B. McCullers and O.G. Smith; Sunday School superintendent, C. M. Thomas; Trustees, O. G. Smith, J. D. Adams, J. M. Dodd, E. B. McCullers, and C. W. Horne. Mr. Cotton in his report of the general state of the church in 1901 uttered these remarks, "The general state of the church is reasonably good, not so good as it should be but there are many signs of encouragement. Since our last quarterly meeting we have received into the church Mrs. Bessie B. Horne and lost by death one of our oldest and most faithful members, Brother Merritt Holland of the Clayton membership." In 1902, he received by profession of faith Mabel Tomlinson. In his educational report at third quarterly conference, he said, "We have only one student attending our church schools.— Miss Floy Leach, who is at G. F. C." (Greensboro Female College.)

In addition to other duties, the minister marries couples; Mr. Cotton performed the wedding ceremony of Ivan Whitley and Nina Duncan.

In 1902, under the Reverend G. W. Fisher, other names appear in the records: Eliza Barnes, James L. Ellis, A. J. Farmer, Beulah L. Durham, and Phoebe Lancaster. Mr. Fisher reported a good Sunday School in Clayton. He also organized a junior Epworth League and made plans for organizing a Senior League, too. The records show, also, that the Missionary Society came into being in 1904 and became the strongest bulwark of the Church. Mrs. E. B. McCullers was its

first president; Mrs. Lena A. Barbour, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. B. M. Robertson, corresponding secretary. These ladies went to Fremont to a Missionary Conference but found upon arrival that they were a week early! They planned not to tell about this when they returned; so they stopped to spend the night in Goldsboro with relatives. The news preceded them to Clayton, however!

To the Fishers, while they were here, was born a son, the present Reverend Edgar B. Fisher, named for Edgar B. McCullers. Then, too, before Mr. Fisher completed his fourth year here, he united in marriage B. M. Robertson and Claudia Mitchell.

The Reverend J. J. Renn was assigned to us next, but death overcame him before he ever arrived. The Reverend Joseph V. Williams who had served a mission in the bowery in New York City, came for that year. Mrs. Emma F. Ellis and E. W. McCullers joined the church that year. Then, a much loved and respected minister, the Reverend G. B. Starling, came and served this Clayton charge for four years (1906-1910). This Mr. Starling has a brother, Julian Starling, who, with his wife, worships regularly in this church today (1959).

Though Mr. Starling in many of his reports seemed quite disturbed about the spiritual state of many members, much progress was made. Again the circuit was changed: this time it included Oaky Grove and Mount Zion in addition to Clayton. Many people joined the church either by profession of faith or by certificate; some of those who still have families here are A. Sam White, Mrs. Serena Robertson, V. Duke Duncan, Ashby Farmer, Garland Young, B. M. Robertson, Ivan Whitley, Y. M. Holland, Mrs. A. R. Duncan, Mildred Barbour (Pope), Garland Talton, Hugh A. Page, Carmin Gattis (Austin), Jasper Godwin, Rossella Mitchell, Mrs. Cadmus Young, Dr. J. H. Austin, Ashley Horne, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Young. (Today Mr. John Young is our oldest living member.)

During the time that Mr. Starling was our minister, the Reverend J. B. John was the Presiding Elder. He, too, was greatly loved wherever he went. This church is still privileged to claim his daughter, Margaret (Mrs. N. T.) Holland as a member.

Shortly before the end of Mr. Starling's pastorate in Clayton, Mrs. E. B. McCullers called him to her home and suggested that we needed a new church building. He agreed, and Mrs. McCullers wrote a preamble calling for subscriptions to build a \$10,000 church and headed the list with \$1,000.

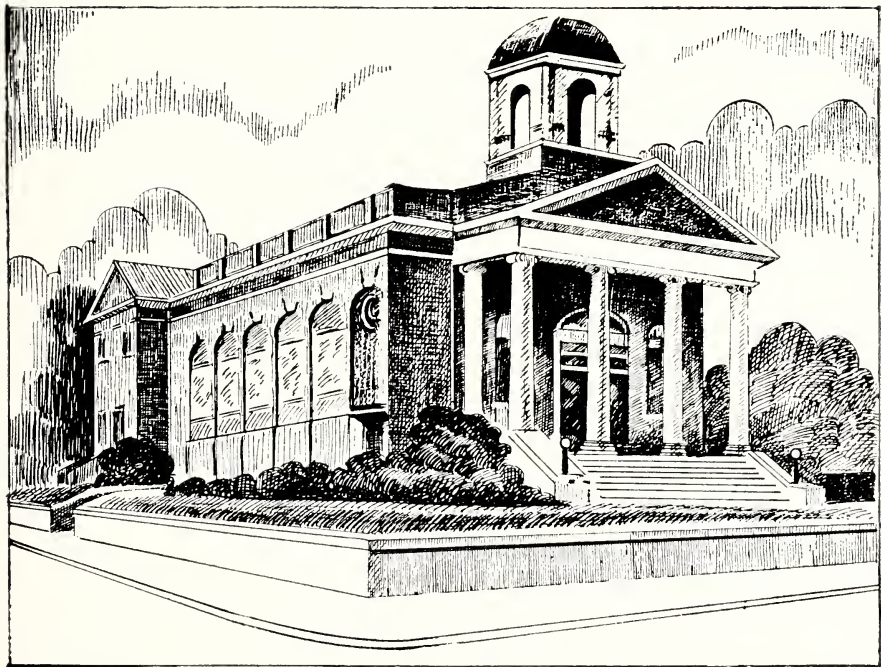
Many members knew that it just could not be done, but Mrs. McCullers and Mr. Starling never gave up; their enthusiasm soon

began to spread.

Early in 1911 during the pastorate of the Reverend C. W. Robinson, a building committee was appointed, consisting of E. B. McCullers, Charles W. Horne, B. M. Robertson, John I. Barnes, and A. Sam White. In October, 1911, Mr. Ashley Horne joined the church and was at once made chairman of the building committee. He suggested that they build a better church than they had planned; so the plans were changed without a limit. Mrs. Rena B. Horne, Mrs. Lena A. Barbour, and Mrs. E. B. McCullers had much to do with the beautiful architecture of the church. The first plan had no cupola, but Mr. Horne said a church did not look right without a cupola and bell.

The old building, now about 53 years old, had become sacred to many and the destruction of it brought sorrow to many. The bell, however, as mentioned before, was saved to be placed in the new building.

Mr. Robinson, minister, expressed regrets that "In view of the fact that we are now building in Clayton, we cannot hold a meeting (revival) here this fall." He, as did Mr. Starling before him, in spite of disruption due to building, pressed the work of the Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. A. Sam White, superintendent.



1916—1959

Mr. George W. Ellis was employed as builder and began work in 1912. The membership named the church Saint James Methodist Church soon after the construction began; however, after Mr. Ashley Horne's very unexpected death the following year, they, in appreciation of his noble and generous help, decided to call it *Horne Memorial Methodist Church*.

At Mr. Ashley Horne's death in October 1913, his son, Mr. Charles W. Horne, was made chairman of the building committee, and he carried on the work with all the fervor and zeal possible until the building was finished, furnished, and paid for. Many times it seemed that the work would stop for lack of funds; but the people then would rally to the cause and pay more money until their efforts were crowned with success.

The Reverend G. S. Bearden, who was with us from 1913-15, gave a picture of conditions in one of his reports: "We are looking toward a bright future. The congregation has been hampered for the want of a comfortable place to worship; going from school house to the unheated basement of the new church. But these conditions are changed. Our women are regularly organized in their society and all departments of the work are being looked after by them: Cradle Roll, and the Bright Jewels Society. In June, a Wesley Bible Class for men was organized with 42 members. The Ladies' Wesley Bible Class has also been organized."

The building program continued to progress well under the guidance of the Reverend G. S. Bearden (1913-15) and the Reverend T. A. Sykes (1915-17). Regular services and other meetings were held in the basement of the church. The Bright Jewel Society of the church under the direction of Mrs. Y. M. Holland gave a "public entertainment" at the Church (in the basement) in September 1915. Also on September 3, 1915, the *Clayton News* said, "One of the most enjoyable musical treats ever given in Clayton was the sacred concert at Horne Memorial Methodist Church, and that it was appreciated was proven by the large audience of over 600 people who listened with eager interest from the first number to the last number." This concert, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Gulley, brought into use for the first time the handsome new Moller organ, which was played by Mrs. Kate Hayes Fleming of Ralceigh. Also assisting in the concert were Messrs. Phillips and Betts of Ralceigh's Edenton Street Methodist Church choir and by Mr. James Thomas, violinist.

Though it was time for Mr. Bearden to leave (December 1915), the church was still not quite completed. Early in January of 1916, our new pastor, the Reverend T. A. Sykes (1915-17), told his congregation that it was his present intention to hold the first service in

the sanctuary of the church about the first Sunday in February, "the money to complete the interior having recently been provided." As he predicted, the church was ready for occupancy in 1916 at the cost of \$44,000, \$3,000 of which was borrowed.

The beautiful art glass windows, which were given in memory of William Henry Horne, Cornelia Frances Horne, John T. Pullen, Delia Smith Ellington, Harry Durham, and our soldiers who served in World War I, were donated by Mrs. Ashley Horne, Mr. Ashley Horne, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Horne, Mrs. Emma Ellington, and the Wesley Bible Class. The pulpit furniture was donated by Mrs. Lena A. Barbour in memory of her husband, David W. Barbour. The baptismal font was donated by Mrs. E. B. McCullers in memory of her son who had died. One half of the pipe organ was paid for by the Andrew Carnegie Fund.

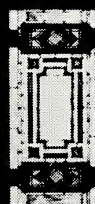
The notes were finally all paid and the church was dedicated on May 11, 1919, by our next minister, the Reverend O. I. Hinson (1917-1920), assisted by Dr. T. N. Ivey, who preached the dedicatory sermon. For special music with Mrs. Mildred Pope as organist, Mrs. Walter Priddy, formerly Miss Swananoa Horne, sang a solo, and Mr. Don Richardson played a violin solo.

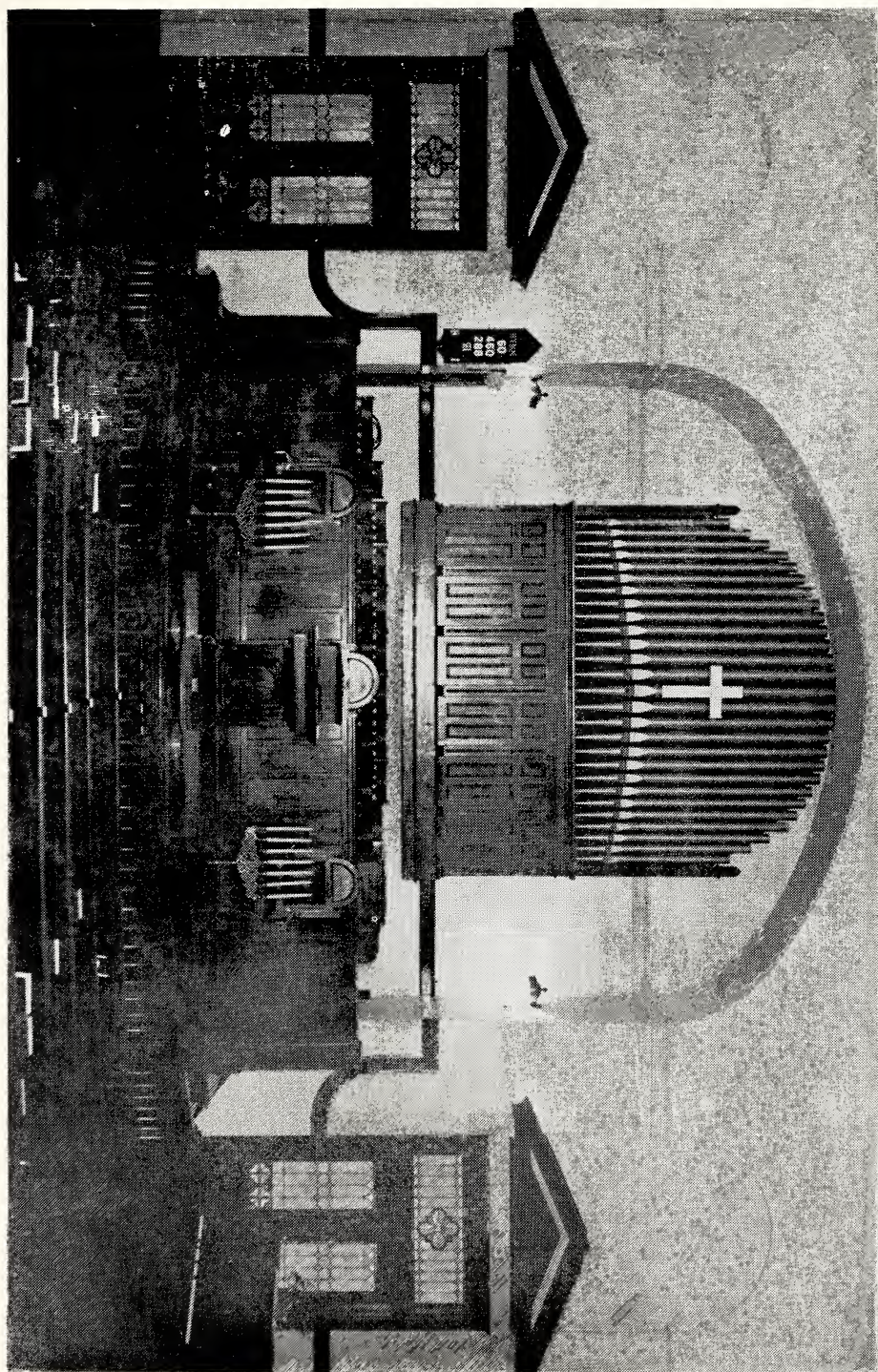
Now, with the church built and paid for some of the members must have decided to rest by taking a vacation on Sunday mornings. Mr. Hinson had this brief article in the *Clayton News* in April 1920: "Did you choose visiting or automobiling instead of Sunday School? The Lord chose the Sabbath School, as was His custom. He went to the House of God on the Sabbath. He was brought up to it."

Mr. Hinson believed in beginning his services on time and ending on time. One night when Mrs. Mildred Pope, organist, walked in, he was announcing the first hymn: only he and the jaintor were present!

November 1920 brought to us the Reverend C. T. Thrift, a new minister to this conference. The choir, as always, was adding much to the worship services. The *Clayton News* carried an account of their Christmas cantata which was under Mrs. Charles G. Gulley's leadership. The program was declared "by those who heard it to be the best ever rendered in Clayton." At the conclusion of the program, the Reverend C. T. Thrift, our pastor, presented to Mrs. Mildred B. Pope a beautiful silver basket, a gift from the church in recognition of her splendid services as organist.

During this time the Henrietta Thomas Missionary Society continued to grow in service and influence. Their officers in 1921 were Mrs. D.W. Barbour, Mrs. B. M. Robertson, Mrs. John S. Barnes, Mrs. Y. M. Holland, Mrs. W. S. Penn, and Mrs. R. A. Wall.





The Raleigh District Conference held its annual meeting in our church in May 1922. At all the services the choir was in its place rendering fine music. Presiding Elder, the Reverend J. C. Wooten, expressed his great satisfaction. Again the *Clayton News* said, "The people of Clayton were delighted with the results, for it was undoubtedly one of the most successful things held in this town. The Reverend C. T. Thrift wore a broad smile and said, 'Me and Betty, we killed the bear!' The District Conference was a huge success."

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibbs followed the Thrifts. An elderly Christian, Dr. Gibbs brought to us a rich, humble, full life. He led the congregation into a closer walk with God. At the end of one year with us, he, on account of his age, decided to superannuate; therefore, the conference selected another wonderful parsonage family for us, the Reverend Marvin Y. Self, Mrs. Self, and son, Harold. Immediately upon arrival, Mrs. Self jokingly remarked, "What's the matter with you folks, keeping a preacher only a year? We are in the habit of staying four years." They stayed four years, and truly no minister and family had ever been more respected or loved. They worked on the Church register and brought it up to date, and they added to the church family seventy-nine new members. There was a good Sunday School with Mrs. Y. M. Holland the first woman superintendent. Very regretfully the congregation gave them up at the end of four years, feeling that they had never had a more beloved pastor and family.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hurley came to us then. He was another elderly gentleman who had walked with God many years. Mr. Self, before him, had paved the way for another fine leader, and Dr. Hurley carried on diligently the wonderful work. According to the records, fifty-two new members came into the church during his one year of ministry with us.

Dr. J. B. Hurley left us at the end of this year to go to Maxton. To take his place, came the Reverend and Mrs. E. D. Dodd (1928-30). Notations complimentary of the Sunday School appear in the records under Mr. Dodd's leadership. Mr. W. S. Penn, then and for many years, served as a faithful secretary. Some of the adult classes were enthusiastically working; the Lena Barbour Bible Class under their teacher, Mrs. J. M. Turley, and the Wesley Bible Class under the guidance of their president, Mrs. R. W. Sanders. Along with his work in the Sunday School and with the young people, Mr. Dodd will be remembered for a very fine revival he held, also. He was always enthusiastic and eager; therefore, he was a good leader. Having been reared in Clayton made the congregation even more appreciative of him.

The year 1930-31 brought to us a supply pastor who worked his

way into the hearts of many. This young man was the Reverend W. I. Wolverton. Among the many things he did that year was the reconstruction of the building and the making benches for Calvary Methodist Church in a farming community five miles north of Clayton. The members, working with Mr. Wolverton and using Mr. John I. Barnes's saw mill, did a \$1,000 job for about \$100. On October 18 of that year, this new church was dedicated. Mr. Wolverton presented the Reverend C. T. Thrift, who started the work of founding it nine years prior to this time. Preceding the dedicatory service, members of the church with many from Horne Memorial, mother church of Calvary, joined together in a big picnic and barbecue dinner in the church yard.

On Sunday, August 29, 1931, Miss Grace Robertson presented to the Sunday School a picture of her father, the late B. M. Robertson, who had been an active member. Mr. M. H. Wooten accepted this gift on behalf of the Sunday School, and placed it in the class room of the Men's Wesley Bible Class, of which Mr. Robertson was a former president.

When the Reverend B. H. Houston came to lead us for a year, he found the following ladies steering the Henrietta Thomas Missionary Society: Mrs. Walter Davis, Miss Margaret Arthur, Mrs. J. L. Godwin, Mrs. A. Sam White, Miss Bettie Smith, Mrs. M. H. Wooten, Mrs. John I. Barnes, Mrs. H. G. Pope, and Mrs. Marshall Holland.

Another organization which has always backed the ministers is the choir. So many references have already been made to it. Through the choirs, the Methodist and Baptist Churches worked so beautifully together. In the *Clayton News* of December 24, 1931, was this statement: "Horne Memorial Methodist Church was filled to capacity Sunday evening, and an immense throng enjoyed to the fullest the program of Christmas music given by a chorus from the combined choirs of the Baptist and Methodist Churches under the direction of Mrs. A. Sam White and Mr. Norvelle Bryan with Mrs. Glenn Pope as organist.

Mr. Houston also reported that the Sunday School was doing fine with about 125 in attendance each Sunday. The two intermediate classes were doing their part by having 100 per cent present almost every Sunday. Some of the men who were in official position at this time were I. W. Farmer, R. W. Sanders, H. A. Page, John I. Barnes, A. Sam White, O. G. Smith, Y. M. Holland, C. W. Horne, and W. A. Davis.

Another young minister, the Reverend John A. Guice, came in November 1932 to stay with us for three and one-half years (1932-1936). Under him other names were added to the official list: Duke Duncan, Mrs. B. M. Robertson, J. S. Starling, Mrs. D. W. Barbour,

M. T. Lambeth, H. E. Brooks, J. R. Satterfield, J. E. Nelson. Death took another, Mrs. John A. Young, who was especially loved for the large amount of visiting she did, particularly among those who needed someone so much.

Mr. Guice made this report to quarterly conference in January 1931: "We have made some distinct advance in our young people's work. A league has been organized. These young people under the leadership of Mrs. M. T. Lambeth and Miss Grace Robertson have been meeting for a month now on Sunday evenings. They have organized a boys' choir and are rehearsing each week. James Riley Barnes is president of this group." He also reported that Miss Rosa Smith had joined our church by certificate and Mr. Jim Ellis was removed by death. "The Church School gives evidence of being the most wide awake work in our church. Attendance at the Sunday morning session has been increasing for some time with new members being added each Sunday." (Quarterly Conference report, May 1935.)

The Reverend W. Stanley Potter came to us in the middle of this conference year. Exchanging conferences with Mr. Guice, he came to us from Missouri. He found some of the organizations hard at work. The Wesley Bible Class needed some money; so they served a turkey dinner at the club house. Dinner was 50 cents including dessert and coffee! The Woman's Missionary Society was well attended in the home of Mrs. W. E. Pennington. Yes, the choir was still making a great contribution; appearing in new white robes and black caps for the first time on Easter Sunday morning (1937), this choir gave a beautiful program of music under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Sanders with Mrs. Mildred B. Pope, organist. One hundred new *Methodist Hymnals* were used for the first time at this same Easter service. The *Clayton News* of June 23, 1938, carried this interesting item: "An overflow crowd greeted Gov. Clyde R. Hoey at 11 o'clock on Sunday, June 19, at the regular worship service at Horne Memorial Methodist Church. His Excellency was introduced by the pastor, the Reverend W. Stanley Potter." The Governor took as his topic, "The Church," and spoke as only a great Christian layman could speak. "It was a great message from a great heart."

Finally, the members of the Board of Stewards will never forget the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Potter or the delightful roast turkey dinner they served at the parsonage.

During the annual conference in the fall of 1939, the Bishop took from us our beloved pastor and family, but he sent us another who soon won the love of his new congregation. This was the Reverend P. O. Lee, who came to us from Maxton. His effective and large prayer meeting groups on Wednesday evenings and his most

effective work and popularity among the young people will long be remembered by the church membership. The records show junior and intermediate choirs and young people's pageants. When conference sent Mr. and Mrs. Lee back to us for their third year, the *Clayton News* said, "Mr. Lee's return met with the unanimous approval of the membership of the church. This is his third year in Clayton, the past two years having been marked by unusual progress in the church under his leadership."

In a social way, the Board of Stewards enjoyed a most appetizing quail dinner annually in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee. "No one," they said, "could serve them quite as graciously and well as Mr. and Mrs. Lee."

Again the time came for another minister. This time (1943-1947) the new parsonage family was the Reverend and Mrs. Carl Barbee and Suzie and Patsy. Happy or not, Mr. Barbee came with a most winning smile which served as an inspiration to many during his ministry here. Many have said, "Mr. Barbee was always at the right place at the right time." Under the leadership of Mrs. Barbee, the Wesleyan Service Guild came into being and became one of the most dynamic organizations of the church. Mrs. Barbee served as the first president and Mrs. Gordon Pruden, as second. Not only among his own members but throughout the community Mr. Barbee's good influence was felt.

In 1946, our organ had to be sent back to the factory and rebuilt at a cost of \$3,200. This was paid for by a legacy left for this purpose by Mrs. Lena A. Barbour in her will, which legacy was added to through the efforts of J. R. Satterfield with the help of many loyal friends. Chimes, given by Mr. and Mrs. Waite Hamrick in memory of their grandmother, Mrs. Lena Barbour, were installed. At a very special service on January 12, 1947, the organ and chimes were dedicated "To the glory of God, and in memory of Mrs. Lena A. Barbour, 1868-1944." Participating in this service in addition to the pastor, the Reverend Carl Barbee, were the following: E. B. McCuller's, invocation; A. Sam White, scripture; Mrs. Dewey Farrell, solo; J. Ralph Satterfield, presentation of organ and chimes; John I. Barnes, Sr., and J. E. Nelson, unveiling of Plaque; Hugh A. Page, acceptance of organ and chimes; the Reverend Eph Whisenhunt, prayer of dedication; John M. Meares, benediction.

Needless to say, the choir had a special anthem, too. Members of the choir presented flowers in grateful appreciation to Mrs. Carlotta B. Sanders and Mrs. Mildred B. Pope, choir director and organist. These two ladies were daughters of Mrs. Lena Barbour.

Of interest to many will be the notation that one of our choicest young people, Norwood Jones, a student in Duke Divinity School, preached for us in February, 1947. Then in the fall of that year two of our most devoted members, Mr. E. B. McCullers and Mr. A. Sam White, departed this world for their heavenly home.

Time moved on and so did our parsonage family who had shared a full, rich spiritual life with us. To live with us and lead us for the next two years (1947-1949) came the Reverend W. C. Martin and his fine wife. Mr. Martin came to us with a background of years of successful ministry. A scholar and a very devout Christian, he seemed to know so well the art of leading people to a closer relationship with our Lord and Master. He worked closely with the Board of Stewards, encouraging them to set the example for others. He started the system of rotation of stewards. Under his leadership, too, the streets abutting the church property were paved.

Though Mr. Martin was physically sick during his second year here, never was he at any time approaching spiritual illness. The Reverend E. C. Durham, a retired minister of Raleigh, North Carolina, very ably filled our pulpit when Mr. Martin's health kept him away.

On account of his ill health, however, at the end of his second year, Mr. Martin decided to retire. How happy was the membership of Horne Memorial when he selected Clayton to be his home. Though retired, he is still active. He has meant a great deal to the Lena Barbour Class as one of its very fine teachers. That class, in fact the whole church, still loves, honors, and respects him.

How God has blessed this church throughout the years with so many wonderful ministers! When Mr. Martin had to give up preaching regularly, the Reverend R. L. Hethcox and his wife came to us for four years (1949-53). Never was there a parsonage family who seemed to love the "old parsonage" as did this new family. The "covered dish" suppers, once called "covered bowl" by Mr. Hethcox, highlighted many a happy fellowship hour during these years. During these same four years O. B. Welch was chairman of the Board of Stewards for three years and Shelbon Hall, one. These men, under the prayerful guidance of Mr. Hethcox, led this organization and the congregation through many wonderful experiences. It was at this time that the four year plan for Evangelism in the southeastern jurisdiction started. A concentrated invitation program began.

Other things were happening. In the summer of 1950, the members of the Lena Barbour Bible Class who had been working on a class library decided to name it the *Grace Holland Library* in memory of one of their former members who loved *her* class and *her* church

devotedly. The class held a most impressive memorial service for her soon after her death in May, 1950.

As a means of saying a genuine "thank you" for their unselfish contribution to the church through the choir as director and organist, the membership presented to the church, in honor of Mrs. Carlotta B. Sanders and Mrs. Mildred B. Pope, a beautiful brass vase in which flowers are arranged in the Sanctuary almost every Sunday.

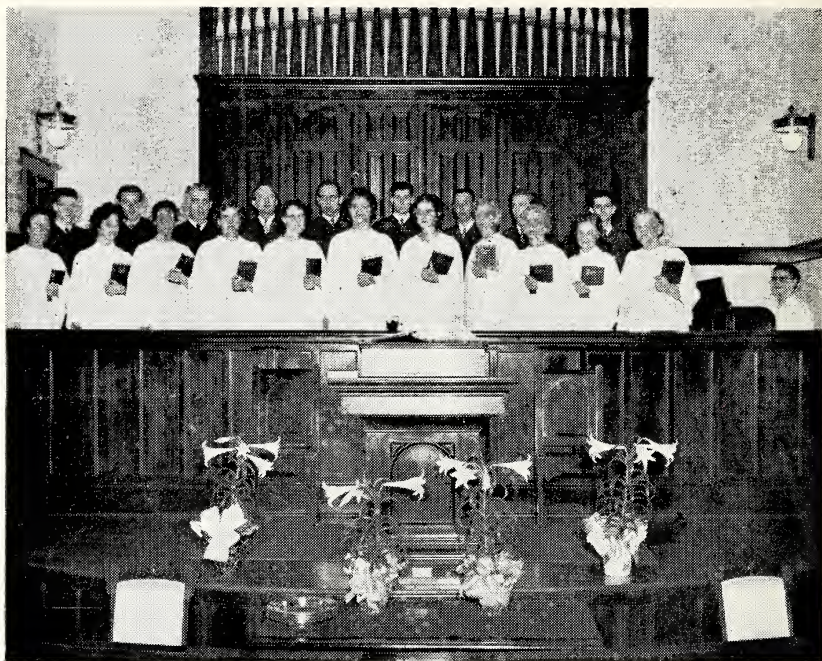
Then to show appreciation to one of our most beloved members for his many years of sacrificial service, the church school in August 1953, under the leadership of the Lena Barbour Bible Class, presented to the church in honor of Mr. John I. Barnes, Senior, a beautiful brass candelabrum. About a month later Mrs. Julian Starling, Mrs. Garland Young, E. W. O'Neil, Mrs. Miley Johnson, and Mrs. A. P. Cavanaugh presented an identical brass candelabrum to the church in loving memory of their devout, Christian mother, Mrs. Jane Edwards O'Neil.

Still another gift came to the church during Mr. Hethcox's leadership. Mr. Hugh Page, Senior, a great church leader, had placed an order for an attractive outside bulletin board to be placed on the church lawn in memory of his wife, Mrs. Blanche Page. Before it arrived, however, Mr. Page died. As a result, though it was a gift of Mr. Page, the church erected it in memory of the much loved couple, Mr. and Mrs. Page.

Though Mr. Hethcox was sick during his fourth year, neither his humble leadership nor his keen sense of humor lessened. He will always be remembered and loved for his devout life of faith and humility, his love for the Master and for all his people. (By means of parentheses, let it be said that one of the happiest experiences of our church life was the return of this beloved couple to Clayton to live after he retired four years later. They continue to fill an important place in Clayton, in Horne Memorial Church, and in the hearts of many.)

Going back to 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Hethcox packed up at the end of four years and left the "old parsonage." The Reverend and Mrs. R. H. Caudill came to direct and guide our church for the next three years (1953-56). Mr. Caudill was especially known for his visiting. He also worked on revising the membership roll; and in so doing, began work on publishing a church directory. With the help of Mrs. Ayden Lassiter, this task was completed.

During his pastorate, four new brass collection plates were given to the church by Mrs. J. D. Bain, Mrs. Mildred B. Pope, and Mrs.



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Carlotta B. Sanders. Also Miss Faye Corbett, one of our members and a leader of young people, presented a most inspiring electrically lighted Cross to hang before the eyes of the congregation at all services. Then, too, Mrs. Duke Duncan gave a most attractive silver candelabrum.

Much repair work and painting were done, too. At the same time the Wesley Bible Class decided to give iron railing for the four sets of steps on the side of the church.

Mrs. Caudill made a big contribution to the church also by taking over the directing of the choir when illness caused Mrs. Carlotta B. Sanders to resign. Mr. Caudill and their son, Charles, also sang in the lovely special musical services directed by Mrs. Caudill. This pastor will be remembered best for his dynamic personality, his striking illustrations, and his varied experiences.

Finally, the story has reached the present time. Almost three years ago in 1956, a fine consecrated young man, the Reverend Clyde H. Dunn, his wife and a small son, Mark, came to live with us and lead us. Under his leadership, a new parsonage was planned, constructed, and is being paid for. Also, in love and appreciation for Mr. H. C. Abbott, a great Christian leader in our church, his fine wife and

family presented a handsome new pulpit Bible and a Communion table runner to the church on December 22, 1957. Mr. Dunn made the presentation.

In March of this year (1959), Mrs. A. P. Cavanaugh and daughter, Martha Sue Goguen, and son, Arthur, Junior, gave to the church the lovely Altar Kneeling Cushion and the Pulpit Scarf in loving memory of their husband and father, A. P. Cavanaugh, who had been a most faithful and loyal member of this church.

Easter Sunday (1959) found some freshly painted walls, two renovated rest rooms, and two new water fountains. Many thanks went to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peele for all of these improvements.

Attendance at church school, Sunday worship services, and prayer meeting has been much better for the last few months than it has been for a long time. Our preacher has had the conviction, the courage, the faith, and the Christian devotion to his calling to preach so convincingly, so plainly, and so truthfully that he has stirred the hearts and souls of his congregation. We shall forever love him for his faith and courage.

He, too, was always a comfort to the sick and sorrowing. The Church lost during this time many members who were among the best loved and most loyal: Mrs. John S. Barnes, Mr. John I. Barnes, Mr. A. P. Cavanaugh, Mrs. Pattie Bailey, Mrs. A. Sam White, Mrs. A. P. Carde, and Mr. J. L. Godwin.

Another big contribution of Mr. Dunn has been his leadership in the planning for this, our centennial, April 12, 1959. All the organizations of the church have worked with him to make this a glorious day. The Wesleyan Service Guild under the guidance of the president, Miss Virginia Lee Satterfield, assumed the sponsorship for this occasion, and she and many others have been untiring in their efforts.

These three years with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn (known to many as "Clyde" and "Betty") and their now three little sons—Mark, Steve, and Ted—our Church, in spite of some "ups" and "downs," has truly grown spiritually. It is with sorrow and joy that the congregation will give them up within a very few weeks: sorrow, over having to give them up; joy over the realization that they will soon be going as missionaries to carry the gospel of our Christ to our Chinese neighbors.

As we look back over these hundred years, a tinge of sadness creeps into our throats when we recall the many who, giving of their time, energy and love, have left us and gone on to Heaven; yet we rejoice in the heritage which is ours because of them. What the future

of this grand old church will be, only time can tell. Strong sons and diligent daughters of the great ones of the long ago still work eagerly for its welfare and success. Many others have come to join with them in their undertakings. It may be that the prophet's words will apply to Horne Memorial Methodist Church as they did to the temple of old: "The glory of the latter house shall be greater than that of the former." Please, God, may the church continue for centuries yet to come—"A city that is set upon a hill and cannot be hid."

CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH

Horne Memorial Methodist Church has one child, Calvary Methodist Church, which is located in a farming community five miles north of Clayton. The Reverend C. T. Thrift, in 1921, began holding services at Barnes's Cross Roads. Soon the church was begun on a piece of land given by Mr. Troy Pulley. It, a young church, had many discouragements. In 1930, the Reverend W. I. Wolverton and his members took on new life. By doing the work themselves, they did a \$1,000 job for about \$400. They reconstructed the church and made benches. The Reverend C. T. Thrift, who started this church nine years previously, returned to preach a dedicatory sermon. From that time on, quite often an announcement appeared that Calvary was having a barbecue dinner or a big home-coming affair.

In 1945, under the Reverend C. W. Barbee, Calvary organized a Sunday School with thirty-eight present. Mr. Charles Williford was elected superintendent; Mr. Henry Gay, assistant superintendent; and Tolcust Gay, secretary and treasurer. Miss Matrid Barnes was superintendent of the Sunday School for years also. Many names will always be remembered in connection with Calvary Church: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes, Miss Matrid Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Pulley, Mr. Carl Barnes, Mr. Fab Poole, Mr. Flyson Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon, Mr. Daniel Wall and Mr. Joseph Penny. There are many others.

Under the Reverend R. H. Caudill, Calvary began to grow again. A great deal of repair work was done. The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Horne Memorial worked to raise money to purchase a good piano for them. The church is continuing to thrive under the Reverend Clyde Dunn.

THE BRIEF PARSONAGE HISTORY

In 1891, some of the members of the Clayton Methodist Church decided that it was time to have a home for our preachers in Clayton; so they looked around and found a house and lot which they bought from W. S. Turner and wife Amelia T., and J. M. Turner and wife Mary E. for \$1,000. This was deeded on December 18, 1891, to the trustees of the Clayton circuit: George A. Turner, W. H. Sanders, J. D. Smith, R. C. Gulley, and I. O. Sneed.

Our first minister to occupy this parsonage was the Reverend J. J. Barker, and the last one was the Reverend G. W. Fisher. The Reverend J. M. Ashley, the Reverend M. M. McFarland, the Rev. J. T. Draper, and the Reverend S. A. Cotton came in between. A birthday party of much interest was given in 1899 for the benefit of the parsonage. The following was the clever invitation issued (a little bag was attached):

"This birthday party is given to you,
'Tis something novel, 'tis something new.
We send to each this little sack—
Please either send or bring it back
With as many cents as years you are old,
(We promise the number shall never be told.)
The ladies will give you some good things to eat,
And kind friends will furnish a musical treat;
And now we extend to you greetings most hearty,—
Feeling sure that you'll attend your own birthday party."

Birthday Reception for Benefit of M. E. Parsonage

Clayton Academy — Friday, March 3, 1899 — from 8 to 11 o'clock

In 1906, this small one-story home was sold to Mr. Hugh A. Page and moved back to the next lot. Then a lovely two-story parsonage was erected. The Reverend and Mrs. G. B. Starling were the first to occupy it.

For fifty-one years this was the home of our last twenty preachers and their families. In 1957, the third parsonage was built on a lot purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keller for the sum of \$2,750. This home, located on the corner of Page and Blanche Streets, was built at a cost of \$21,988 and was ready for occupancy by February 3, 1958. Our minister, the Reverend Clyde H. Dunn, who was our leader in the building program, moved immediately into our new parsonage with his wife and sons, Mark and Steve.

The trustees who were responsible for all the business transaction of this new home were J. Elbert Jones, Chairman, Roy Justice, D. G. Satterfield, Cooper O. Starling, R. W. Sanders, Jr., Charlie Aiken, and J. D. Bain, Sr.

Thus ends the brief history of the parsonage except to say that the present members are proud of it and are still working diligently to pay off the indebtedness. Our earnest desire is that the not-too-distant future will find us with a new, paid-for-in-full parsonage!

Twenty-Seven

FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Reverend Norwood Jones — Trinity Methodist Church Burlington, North Carolina



A few years ago two members of the same family of Horne Memorial Methodist Church dedicated their lives to full-time christian service. These two young people were Norwood and Alice Jones, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elbert Jones, who are still among the most active and loyal members of this church.

Norwood, now the Reverend Norwood Jones, graduated from Clayton High School, attended Louisville College, and graduated from High Point College, and received his B.D. Degree from Duke University. He then became Wesley Foundation Director in Auburn, Alabama. He joined the North Carolina Conference, and the Bishop sent him first to Keener and Goshen churches just out from Clinton, North Carolina. Now he is a very successful preacher in Trinity Methodist Church, Burlington, North Carolina.

Norwood married Helen Meredith of Trinity, North Carolina, while he was a student at Duke University. They have two fine sons: Maurice and Meredith.

Mrs. R. Thomas Hobbs — (Nee, Alice Jones) Haw River, North Carolina

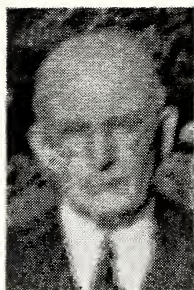


Alice, now Mrs. R. Thomas Hobbs of Haw River, North Carolina, graduated from Clayton High School and then attended High Point College, where she received her degree in Religious Education. Her first position was that of Director of Christian Education in the Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. From there she went to the First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount. While there, she fell in love and married R. Thomas Hobbs, son of her preacher and "boss," Dr. A. J. Hobbs. They moved to Dunn, North Carolina, where she became the education director of Divine Street Methodist Church.

After her family began to arrive, Alice had to give up her position in the church, but everyone knows that she continues her work in christian education in the training of her two lovely little daughters: Kathy and Caren.

Horne Memorial Methodist Church is proud of you, Norwood and Alice, and it is very happy to honor you both.

Messages from many former Ministers



During my ministry in Clayton, the rather large circuit was changed from Clayton, Mount Zion, Elizabeth, Four Oaks, and Corinth to a circuit with only three churches, as I remember—Clayton, Mount Zion, and Oak Grove. I remember, too, that my family and I were the first family to occupy the new, fine two-story parsonage.

During the latter part of my ministry, Mrs. E. B. McCullers called me to her home to say, "We need a new church." Immediately plans began to be made for the present Horne Memorial Methodist Church.

How I wish that my health would permit me to join you in your happy Centennial celebration! I will be with you in spirit. May it be a most glorious day of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father who made the day possible.

G. B. Starling, Retired
Kenly Methodist Church
Kenly, North Carolina
1906-1910

As to any outstanding event, the only thing that occurs to me is that I held a meeting at Barnes's Schoolhouse; and as a result, what is the present Calvary Methodist Church was organized. I returned nine years later to preach the dedicatory sermon.

You have my best wishes for a grand and glorious occasion on the 12th of April, your one hundredth birthday.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,
C. T. Thrift,
406 Bon Air Avenue,
Durham, N. C.
1920-1922



My appointment to Horne Memorial Methodist Church carried a responsibility and a challenge which called for the dedication and consistent exercise of such talent as I possessed. It was here that I witnessed an encouraging and very substantial progress in the activities and growth of interest among the membership of the Church and the Church School. It was here I found a beautiful and worshipful sanctuary and a substantial and loyal people; it was here I formed friendships which gave assurance of strength and security—a support which was dependable.

My experience as pastor of Horne Memorial Church has been an abiding joy and an inspiration through the intervening years. Mrs. Self and I treasure the memory of our pastorate with you as among the happiest years of our ministry.

Marvin Y. Self, Retired
The Methodist Church
Calvary Charge
Littleton, N. C.
1923-1927

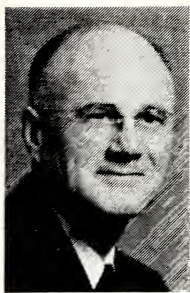


We were very pleased to receive your invitation to be at the One Hundredth Anniversary of Horne Memorial Methodist Church. As you know, we are a long way distant from Clayton so we must send our regrets.

I do wish to express my felicitations to the congregation on the splendid occasion of its hundredth anniversary. I remember my year at Clayton with great pleasure. It was at Clayton that our son was born and you will be interested to know that he completes his training for the Ministry in June, and that his father will have a part in his Ordination on the 28th of June at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, North Carolina. Perhaps on the occasion of our visit to East Carolina in June we may have the opportunity to pay a short visit in Clayton.

Mrs. Wolverton joins me in the best of good wishes to the people of Horne Memorial Methodist Church.

Wallace I. Wolverton, Ph.D.
Dean of Divinity,
St. John's College,
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg 9, Canada
1930-1931



My husband, three children and I moved to Clayton to serve Horne Memorial Methodist Church at a time when he was just recovering from a serious illness. We found an intelligent, well-informed and co-operative group of people, devoted to their church and to its world mission.

I can think of a thousand kindnesses received from members of this church and of the other churches in the town. A neighbor used to send over for our baby and would always say, "and DON'T clean him up, I want him just like he is." Another woman, head of a children's organization in another denomination, formed a friendship with our little girl which endures to this day, despite the difference in ages.

Our baby was christened in this church and was given a life membership by the Woman's Society. Our little girl and boy became members of the church at Horne Memorial.

I well remember what an interest the women took in the parsonage and how determined they were to have nice furnishings in it. I walked around the old parsonage the other day and stood beneath the big tree under which we had picnics and took kodak pictures which I still cherish.

There was the school close by where many meetings were held, including concerts and recitals, for Clayton folk were ever music lovers. There, too, was the Woman's Club, where civic work was friendships cemented.

Horne Memorial Methodist Church lives in our memories largely because of the people who compose its membership, and the nicest memory of all is of those friendships which, begun then, have carried on and friendships cemented.

Mrs. B. H. Houston
132 North Second St.
Smithfield, N. C.
1931-1932

To remember the condition of Horne Memorial Methodist Church and Clayton at the time I came to be the minister in November of 1932, is to recall a desperate time, and yet in some ways Winston Churchill's words to the English at the time of Dunkirk seems applicable. He said they would respond to the tragedy in such a way as to make men remember and say, "This was their finest hour."

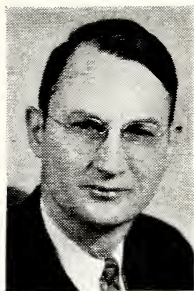
Practically everything in Clayton had failed financially in 1932. All of the Horne enterprises had gone down; the bank, the store, the farm operations, the cotton oil mill, the cotton mill, etc. Everyone in Clayton had suffered great losses. Early in the evening of the first day I was in town I heard that a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the church was being held. I had not been asked to attend but I went, perhaps to the dismay of some of the members. They were meeting with the former minister trying to work out some agreements with him about the part of his salary which was still unpaid. Besides failing to pay his salary, the church had been unable to pay any Conference obligations.

The other minister had left by the time I arrived. Soon after I got into the meeting, someone described their predicament and then said, "Let's be very realistic, I move that the salary of the new preacher be set at \$50 a month." I told them that I would gladly suffer with them but that at \$50 a month I was being asked to do most of the suffering. Instead of this they agreed with me that it was better to set no goals until we had begun to work together and had some idea of how things would develop.

That year I was paid \$1400, and for the first time in some years all conference obligations were paid in full. Long overdue coal bills and bills for Sunday School literature were paid and the parsonage was completely replastered and redecorated inside. All of the people went to work in the church. They were soon joined and given great encouragement by a number of the young men who had come to town to take over the management of the businesses which had failed. There was a substantial growth in church membership during my ministry in Clayton. The church building was completely redecorated one year, the benevolent giving was doubled, and the whole life of the church was greatly revived.

In May of 1936 Bishop Paul B. Kern announced that I was being transferred to Missouri and there I have been ever since, for the past nineteen years in the same church in Kansas City.

John A. Guice
Saint John's Methodist Church
6900 Ward Parkway
Kansas City 13, Missouri
1932-1936



Around May 15, 1936, the three Potters arrived in Clayton after a ride of three days from Missouri. It was the first step in a new land, where we were introduced to turnip "sallet," collards, self-rising flour, snuff, and pork barbecue. There was regular tropical weather; it rained the first month, but the heat was only surpassed by the warmth of the Southern welcome.

The people proved as adept at entertaining District Conference and the first citizen of our state, Governor Clyde R. Hoey, as they were at barbecuing pigs and having a booth at the State Fair to pay off the debt on the new oil furnace.

The beautiful Colonial Church inspired all of us to wage a continual war against the devil in our soul and the bees in the front pillars of the church. The bees only hummed, but the choir within raised their voices in mighty anthems at every worship service. A church with such material blessings could only have been built through the loyalty of a congregation dedicated to Christian discipleship.

As a result of Christian fellowship within the church, we call to mind many people whose names we cherish in friendship, admiration and honor.

W. Stanley Potter
The Steele Street Methodist
Church
Sanford, N. C.
1936-1939

Horne Memorial Methodist Church meant to me an opportunity to have one of the finest mid-week services in the North Carolina conference. We had young and old. We over-ran the prayer meeting room and were forced to the basement for space. We had 150 people often in attendance.

Horne Memorial meant to me an opportunity for City-wide recreation. We built the Recreational Center and had the whole town meeting to have fun.

Horne Memorial meant to me an opportunity to lead the Conference for a brief time in additions to the church and the Kingdom.

Horne Memorial meant to me an opportunity to witness and suffer for the cause of my church and Christ. It gave me the opportunity in a crisis to live with a Christian conscience.

P. O. Lee
Whiteville Methodist Church
Whiteville, N. C.
1939-1943



Arriving at Horne Memorial Methodist Church in the fall of 1943, we found a lovely sanctuary in which to worship and a friendly congregation. The good people gave loyal support, and we think of our ministry in Clayton with gratitude. Soon after our arrival we knew that Clayton was a friendly community. It was good to have friends throughout the community. Our four years passed rather swiftly and it seemed not so long until the fall of 1947. As Methodist preachers are taught to "go where they are sent," we were under orders from the North Carolina Conference to begin our work in a new field. During our ministry at Horne Memorial our oldest daughter, Susanna Newman, passed from the elementary to high school, and our youngest daughter, Patricia Ellen, started in the first grade. If I remember correctly, both of our girls came into church membership at Horne Memorial Methodist Church.

Both the girls and Mrs. Barbee would join me in our best regards to all of you. May you have a wonderful one hundredth anniversary. And now last but not least, let it be said with emphasis that I am deeply grateful for our four years at Horne Memorial.

Carl W. Barbee
Bethel Methodist Church
Bethel, N. C.
1943-1947



My ministry at Horne Memorial Church was limited to two years, 1947-49. A serious operation at the close of my first year kept me in Duke Hospital for two months and out of the pulpit four months. I retired at the Conference of 1949 after 42 years of service.

I recall no phenomenal events or exciting experiences during the two years I served this rather conservative church. Everything moved along just about as they did before I came and as they have since I retired. The most delightful experience of my association with Horne Memorial Church was the three or four years I was the teacher of the Lena Barbour Sunday School class. A more loyal, co-operative and appreciative class can't be found in Methodism. I am anxiously waiting and listening for my doctor to tell me I can again teach this class of noble women. "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you."

W. C. Martin, Retired
Clayton, N. C.
1947-1949



In November 1949 I was appointed to Horne Memorial Church. For eight years I had been serving a six point charge at Newton Grove. This appointment was quite a change for me. Aware of my weakness, and in the spirit of humility, I found myself depending on God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit; I set forth to do my best for the Master and this part of God's Kingdom.

I found here one of the most beautiful churches I had ever known. A church when entering one could not help from feeling the presence of God. When days were dark, and things uncertain, I would find my way to the Altar; kneeling there, I would find the peace of God flood my soul, and the light would shine again. Thus from month to month, and year to year under the blessing of God, I spent four years of one of the happiest pastoral experiences of my life. Some of our happiest experiences were in our Passion Week services. There many of us experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of our Lord's death as never before. What Horne Memorial Church has meant to us cannot be expressed in words.

The church is made up of its people, another reason why this church has meant so much to us. Except for a bit of doubt as to what they had when we first came, they received us gladly; and as the time moved on, our friendship and love grew more and more, until our love is one that is everlasting. It was their kindness to us, and our love for them, and a nice town in which to live that brought us back here to spend our declining years. On our return after serving the Oriental charge for four years, we were received with open hearts; and in our sickness and in health, they have been wonderful friends and a great blessing to us. I wish I could find words to express just what Horne Memorial Methodist Church has meant and is meaning to us. Since I cannot find those words, I will just say, "May God bless others as He has blessed me as the years roll by. Amen."

Yours still in His service,
Robert L. Hethcox, Retired
Clayton, N. C.
1949-1953



I have been asked to give my impressions of Home Memorial Methodist Church and the town of Clayton when I began my work there as Pastor. My wife and I arrived there in November of 1953 and served for three years. We were met by a group of fine people to welcome us upon our arrival.

We found the people of Clayton very friendly to us, and I am not speaking for Methodist only because the Baptist, Christian, and other denominational people there were most cordial to us during the three years we served the Church.

My greatest impression was that the job was great and exacting; so I plunged into the work with all my might. The Church reacted to my efforts and began to grow in membership. Calvary Church gave me an even greater challenge since, when we got there for the first service, only four people attended. The window panes were falling out, the floor had cracks so wide that the ground was plainly visible, there was no underpinning, the heat was one coal stove, the piano was out of tune and the whole place showed desolation.

My wife sat down at the piano and played the prelude as though she was playing a score from Bach. This gave me the cue; so I took courage and preached as though the house were crowded. Very soon the house was filled, and the subsequent history is in the record.

We had three very happy years at Clayton, interspersed with the usual sadness and heartaches which go with being a Minister.

My prayers and best wishes go with God's people there as they move forward to greater achievement in the service of the Master.

R. H. Caudill
Westover Methodist Church
Raleigh, North Carolina
1953-1956

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED HERE

Lemuel Shell—John R. Brook, Associate.....	1879-1861
Carson Parker—John Buie, Associate.....	1861-1863
L. S. Burkhead	1863-1865
Joseph Wheeler	1865-1867
T. Page Ricaud	1867-1868
Alex R. Raven	1868-1870
William H. Moore	1870-1871
J. E. Thompson	1871-1874
James F. Smoote	1874-1876
Joseph H. Wheeler	1876-1877
R. M. Brown	1877-1879
P. L. Herman	1879-1881
J. T. Finlayson	(Intenerant)
M. C. Thomas	1881-1883
A. E. Wiley	1883-1886
B. C. Allred	1886-1888
R. W. Bailey	1888-1889
A. R. Raven	1889-1890
J. J. Barker	1890-1892
J. M. Ashby	1892-1895
M. M. McFarland	1895-1896
J. T. Draper	1896-1899
S. A. Cotton	1899-1901
G. W. Fisher	1901-1905
J. J. Renn (appointed; died before arriving)	
Joseph V. Williams	1905-1906
G. B. Starling	1906-1910
C. W. Robinson	1910-1913
G. S. Bearden	1913-1915
T. A. Sykes	1915-1917
O. I. Hinson	1917-1920
C. T. Thrift	1920-1922
J. T. Gibbs	1922-1923
Marvin Y. Self	1923-1927
J. B. Hurley	1927-1928
E. D. Dodd	1928-1930
W. I. Wolverton	1930-1931
B. H. Houston	1931-1932
John A. Guice	1932-1936
W. Stanley Potter	1936-1939
P. O. Lee	1939-1943
Carl Barbee	1943-1947
W. C. Martin	1947-1949
R. L. Hethcox	1949-1953
R. H. Caudill	1953-1956
Clyde H. Dunn	1956-

Reminiscences

The following stories are just additional items of interest. Several of the older members of the church gathered one evening and had a reminiscent party. Here are some of the results, not given in chronological order at all. Some of the articles came from the *Clayton Bud* and the *Clayton News*, also.

"Quite a large gathering of our citizens assembled this 12:30 noon at the Methodist Church to witness the marriage of Mr. Joseph J. Rogers of Apex and Miss Willie A. Tomlinson, of Clayton, the Reverends J. M. White and J. F. Ellington, officiating. The attendants were Dr. J. R. Rogers and Miss Rena Beckwith; Mr. J. B. H. Tomlinson and Miss Lizzie Avera; Mr. J. E. White and Miss Eugenia Brown; Mr. J. R. Hunter and Miss Lela V. Ellington; Mr. W. R. Hinton and Miss Martha Pool; Mr. J. C. Pool and Miss Mary Strickland; Mr. J. V. Robertson and Miss Pattie Smith. Ushers were Mr. W. H. McCullers and Mr. O. G. Smith. Flower girls—Misses Maggie and Pearl Robertson. The bridal party took the 1:20 train for Apex, where a reception will be given them at the groom's home."

From *The Clayton Bud*, August 18, 1886

This does not say which church, but it appeared in the *Clayton Bud* on November 18, 1885: "We would advise Mr. — and Miss — to cease their cooing in church as they may receive a reprimand when they least expect it, and it is justly deserved for the church is no place to be whispering."

"The pulpit at the Methodist Church was filled by the Reverend Amos Weaver last Sunday morning and by the pastor, the Reverend A. E. Wiley, at night. Both sermons were instructive and edifying."

From *Clayton Bud*, July 1886

The Reverend G. W. Starling married Miss May Gulley and Mr. Jasper Godwin in the First Baptist Church here in Clayton.

Mrs. Julian Starling often went to the old church barefoot and wearing a white sunbonnet. Mr. E. B. McCullers was her Sunday School teacher. He promised a pair of red shoes to the ones who would attend a year without missing a Sunday. Mrs. Starling and Mrs. Garland Young (Ethel and Stella O'Neil) had not missed a Sunday until they came down with the mumps. Stella went anyway and received a pair of black shoes, as red ones were not available!

Mr. Ashley Horne used to go to church wearing a Prince Albert coat, striped trousers, and a high-topped hat, and carrying a gold-headed cane. His wife was soloist in the choir.

Mrs. Mildred B. Pope started playing the piano for Sunday School when she knew only two hymns. Mrs. B. M. Robertson knew only two. One Sunday found "Mildred" playing her two hymns at the opening of Sunday School and "Claudia" playing her two for the closing exercises. The next Sunday they reversed their procedure: Claudia at the beginning and Mildred at the end. Mrs. Carmine Gattis Austin was the third to help with her one or two numbers!

Mr. John Poole used to ring the bell and do other janitorial duties in the old church. He also sang in the choir.

Dr. J. B. Ivey, who was editor of the Christian Advocate for years, used to come to our church to preach once a month. He alternated with the regular pastor who preached once a month. He was greatly loved. His salary was underwritten by several members of the congregation.

Mrs. E. B. McCullers was always dressed to the very letter when she went to Church. One Sunday when she bowed her head for the opening prayer, she almost broke up the service when she discovered that she still had on her apron! She very quietly tried to slip it off unnoticed but not before some young people saw her. They could hardly suppress their laughter.

Mrs. Marshall Hall related this good story (she said, however, "not to be printed"): People were expecting a law to be passed prohibiting the making of wine. These two fine women, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Emma Ellington, were eagerly getting their berries "juiced" ready for wine, when who should appear but the preacher, the Reverend O. I. Hinson. They saw him through the crack. So quietly they stayed that he left without making his pastoral visit! What happened to that wine? It turned to vinegar and made the very best pickles they ever had!

Mrs. O. I. Hinson also had an interesting experience in her kindergarten class. She was asking her little pupils about what their parents did.

"Jack," she asked of the son of the Reverend A. O. Moore (a fine Baptist minister here), "what does your daddy do?"

"Aw, my daddy just goes fishing and hunting," was Jack's quick reply.

"Why, Jack," said Mrs. Hinson, "your daddy is a preacher."

"I know, but that's nothing, that's just talking," replied Jack.

William Horne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Horne, died when quite young of typhoid fever. Jessie Ellington (Mrs. Easom) sang at his funeral, Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." It seems that this was the first time that this poem had ever been sung in Clayton.

There were a few graves in our church yard. One large stone has names on three sides: on one side are Martha and Harry Durham; on another are the names of their three sons, Harris T., William A., and Robert; on the third side are Ella and Della, two daughters. The son William had died away from home during the Civil War. His brother Harris went to bring his body home. Harris contracted pneumonia himself and died about two weeks later.

Buried, also, was the infant of the Reverend and Mrs. J. J. Barker, our minister and wife in 1890, 1891, 1892. Then, too, there were Miss Lillie O'Neil and her parents. The story now goes that at the time of "Miss Lillie's" death, the town had to grant special permission for her body to be placed there on account of a new city ordinance.

Do you remember when Mrs. Mary Pitts Duncan was organist in our church? Yes, Mrs. M. C. Thomas was our organist once, too. Mrs. Geraldine G. Garvey was another good choir director for us.

The Reverend O. I. Hinson was teaching the ladies and gentlemen in Sunday School one cold, snowy Sunday when the attendance was small. He asked the question, "What would have happened to Jesus if the weather had been this cold?"

Imagine Mr. Hinson's chargin when one gentleman hastily answered, "He certainly would have frozen to death in those bulrushes!"

Mrs. Charles Gulley directed the choir for seventeen years, starting about 1912. She is right back in that same place today doing a wonderful job.

Mrs. Mildred B. Pope started as organist in 1913 after she finished at Greensboro College and returned from a trip abroad. Mrs. Carlotta B. Sanders was organist before that time.

When the Reverend O. I. Hinson was our pastor, Mrs. Hinson had a kindergarten. She also organized a cooking class and some of her delicious recipes are still being used by many people in Clayton. Mrs. Hinson, too, was among the organizers of the Mothers' Club of Clayton. This later developed into the Clayton Woman's Club.

Mr. John I. Barnes's first wife was the first funeral in the new church. Mr. Ashley Horne was buried about a week later.

Mrs. Mildred B. Pope sang the first solo and was the first person to be married in the new church.

"The Ladies Aid Society of Horne Memorial Church will serve sandwiches, tea, ice cream and cake on the lawn of Mrs. R. W. Sanders immediately after Class Day Exercises on Friday afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited. The proceeds will go to the society. (*The Clayton News*, May, 1921.)

During the time that the Reverend Stanley Potter was pastor, the Sunday School decided to do away with the opening exercises for a little while. Each class would have its brief worship service before the lesson. This story came from the Men's Bible Class: Mr. Julian Starling said, "All right, fellows, let's start." At that moment someone announced the hymn number and Mr. Starling played the piano while Mr. Lonnie Wheeler led the singing!

For years many people in the Clayton community aspired to the time when each church could have a full-time preacher to hold services within each church every Sunday. A few held to the idea that it was far more beneficial for the different denominations to worship together. One who spoke vigorously for inter-denominational worship was Mr. Jesse Ellington, father of Mrs. B. A. Hocutt. He said that worshipping together lead to more wholesome living.

Mrs. B. A. Hocutt has always been a very good and close friend of the Methodists and of the Methodist ministers. She recalled how she and the other "little girls" visited Annie Raven, daughter of our minister, A. R. Raven, while he was preaching here. Annie had twenty-five dolls! "I was so envious of Annie and all her dolls that I could hardly stand it, for all the rest of us girls had *only one*," related Mrs. Hocutt.

Three outstanding ladies who have departed this life gave so freely of their time, efforts, love, and good influence that the women chose to honor them by naming the three circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in honor and in memory of them. These dearly loved persons were Mrs. Lena A. Barbour, Mrs. Alma McCullers, and Mrs. John S. Barnes ("Miss Pat").

Imagine having the same responsible job in a church for almost fifty years! Mrs. B. M. Robertson has been a most faithful Communion Steward since about 1910. What a contribution she has made to the church.

"The Reverend Tom P. Jimison will preach at Horne Memorial Church tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. Jimison needs no introduction to the people of Clayton. He is the same splendid Evangelist who conducted a revival meeting in Clayton in the Spring of 1915, and he has lost none of his preaching powers; he is still fighting the devil with all of his strength and ability." (*The Clayton News*, April 1920.)

"The following Clayton women are attending the Methodist Woman's Missionary Conference at Oxford this week: Mesdames E. B. McCullers, John S. Barnes, and W. S. Penn. They are delegates from the Woman's Missionary Society of Horne Memorial Church." (*The Clayton News*, May 1920.)

In a children's program Carlotta Barbour (Mrs. Sanders) had a recitation to say. She said that she knew that her Sunday School teacher did not think that she would learn it. This made her more determined than ever; so she said, "I shocked them all to death by knowing it."

As one reads these reminiscences, he will doubtless recall dozens and dozens of other interesting events, some even much more important than some recorded here; however all good things must come to an end! Recall all the things you will and enjoy them, but remember that omissions have been made, but very unintentionally. May the next one hundred years be the very best yet!

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Paul N. Garber	Presiding Bishop
Graham S. Eubanks	District Superintendent
Clyde H. Dunn	Pastor
Mrs. Charles G. Gulley	Choir Director
Mrs. Mildred B. Pope	Organist

OFFICIAL BOARD

J. E. Nelson	Chairman
G. Shelben Hall	Secretary
John B. Robertson	Treasurer
Joseph Penny	Chairman, Commission on Membership and Evangelism
Stanley C. Peele	Chairman, Commission on Finance
G. Shelben Hall	Chairman, Commission on Education
Mrs. W. S. Penn	Chairman, Commission on Missions
Sam B. Strickland	Charge Lay Leader
Mrs. B. M. Robertson	Communion Steward
Mrs. A. P. Cavanaugh	President, Woman's Society of Christian Service
Miss Virginia L. Satterfield	President, Wesleyan Service Guild
Miss Betty Beard	President, Methodist Youth Fellowship
John W. Mayo	District Steward

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J. D. Bain, Jr.	David B. Bell	E. W. O'Neil
Joseph Barbour	Curvis Holder	W. R. Peele, Jr.
Norwood D. Barbour	Wilbur Jackson	Joseph Penny
Mrs. W. C. Beaman	J. E. Nelson	Sam B. Strickland

TRUSTEES

H. C. Abbott	J. E. Jones
Charlie Aiken	Roy A. Justice
J. D. Bain	R. W. Sanders, Jr.

CIRCLE LEADERS

Mrs. Y. M. Holland	Lena A. Barbour Circle
Mrs. Milton D. Riddell	Pattie D. Barnes Circle
Mrs. Clyde H. Dunn	Alma L. McCullers Circle

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Roy A. Justice	Superintendent
Charles Barden	Assistant Superintendent
E. W. O'Neil	Secretary
J. E. Nelson	Adult Division
Sam B. Strickland	Youth Division
Mrs. W. R. Peele, Jr.	Children's Division

THE CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Mrs. Shelbon Hall (Pianist)	Mrs. James T. Vinson
Mrs. A. P. Cavenaugh	W. R. Peele, Jr.
Mrs. Y. M. Holland	Mrs. W. R. Beard
Mrs. Stanley Peele	Mrs. Roy Justice
Mrs. Virginia Lynch	Mrs. Ray Gulley
Patsy Faulk	Mrs. J. Elbert Jones

YOUTH DIVISION

Mrs. W. C. Beaman	Joseph Barbour
Mrs. W. R. Peele	Sarah Richardson,
Mrs. J. D. Beswick	(Counselor)

ADULT DIVISION

Mrs. Paul Keller	Paul Keller
Rev. W. C. Martin	Mrs. R. A. Wall
Rev. R. L. Hethcox	Joseph Penny
Mrs. Otto Creech	H. C. Abbott

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Many thanks to all who have helped in any way!

Membership - 1959

<i>Date Joined</i>	NAME	ADDRESS
1942	Abbott, Henry C.	210 Horne St.
1942	Abbott, Mrs. Henry C.	210 Horne St.
1943	Adams, Mrs. Janie Grace	Raleigh, N. C.
1956	Aiken, Charles	509 Starling St.
1956	Aiken, Mrs. Charles	509 Starling St.
1955	Alsobrook, M. C.	Smith St.
1955	Alsobrook, Mrs. M. C.	Smith St.
1955	Alsobrook, Bobby Joe	Smith St.
1955	Alsobrook, Martha Ellen	Smith St.
1915	Atkinson, Mrs. J. P.	Raleigh, N. C.
1925	Atkinson, Woodrow B.	Raleigh, N. C.
1958	Bagley, William P.	E. Second St.
1946	Bagley, Mrs. William P.	E. Second St.
1936	Bain, J. Douglas	326 Barbour St.
1936	Bain, Mrs. J. Douglas	326 Barbour St.
1940	Bain, J. Douglas, Jr.	O'Hara St.
1956	Bain, Mrs. J. Douglas, Jr.	O'Hara St.
1943	Bain, R. Whitley	328 Barbour St.
1958	Bain, Mrs. R. Whitley	328 Barbour St.
1952	Barbour, Norwood D.	206 Second St.
1920	Barbour, Mrs. Norwood D.	206 Second St.
1931	Barbour, Norwood D., Jr.	Las Vegas, Nevada
1943	Barbour, Joseph	Horne St.
1956	Barbour, Mrs. Joseph	Horne St.
1955	Barbour, Max Leo	Wilson, N. C.
1914	Barden, Mrs. Blanche	322 Barbour St.
1944	Barden, Charles	404 Kildee St.
1954	Barden, Mrs. Charles	404 Kildee St.
1924	Barham, Mrs. Flonnie C.	R. F. D. No. 2
1902	Barnes, Mrs. Eliza	337 Barbour St.
1928	Barnes, James S.	Stallings St.
1925	Barnes, John I., Jr.	120 Blanche St.
1940	Barnes, Mrs. John I., Jr.	120 Blanche St.
1948	Barnes, Matrid	411 O'Neil St.
1915	Barnes, Zelda	115 First St.
1954	Beaman, W. C.	Raleigh, N. C.
1954	Beaman, Mrs. W. C.	Raleigh, N. C.
1945	Beard, W. Russell	323 Page St.
1945	Beard, Mrs. W. Russell	323 Page St.
1949	Beard, Colon Yates	323 Page St.
1955	Beard, Carol Ann	323 Page St.
1950	Beard, Sarah E.	323 Page St.

1953	Bell, David B.	Raleigh, N. C.
1926	Bell, Mrs. David B.	Raleigh, N. C.
1958	Bell, David B., Jr.	Raleigh, N. C.
1954	Benson, Walter	R. F. D. No. 1
1954	Benson, Mrs. Walter	R. F. D. No. 1
1954	Benson, Walter, Jr.	R. F. D. No. 1
1954	Benson, Lynn	R. F. D. No. 1
1956	Benson, John	R. F. D. No. 1
1954	Beswick, James D.	311 Church St.
1954	Beswick, Mrs. James D.	311 Church St.
1952	Blackmon, Bernice	Pythian Home
1952	Blackmon, Bobby Ray	Pythian Home
1952	Blackmon, Clarence	Pythian Home
1950	Blinson, Mrs. Emma	R. F. D. No. 2
1956	Brannon, Marcelle Ann	Main St.
1955	Bridgers, Mrs. Beatrice P.	Raleigh, N. C.
1955	Bridger, Robert L.	Raleigh, N. C.
1955	Bridger, Mrs. Robert L.	Raleigh, N. C.
1922	Brooks, Dr. H. E.	Wilson, N. C.
1954	Brown, David	Raleigh, N. C.
1938	Brown, Robert	Raleigh, N. C.
1940	Bryant, Mrs. George W.	R. F. D.
1956	Bunn, Mrs. W. G.	301 Horne St.
1929	Butler, Mrs. Ernestine	317 Second St.
1954	Butler, Eugene F., Jr.	317 Second St.
1945	Carde, B. W.	211 Blanche St.
1953	Carde, Montraville	R. F. D. No. 2
1954	Carde, Mrs. Montraville	Raleigh, N. C.
1928	Carde, Woodford A.	301 Blanche St.
1915	Carroll, Mrs. Charles	326 Page St.
1934	Carroll, James	301 Fayetteville St.
1943	Carness, Mrs. Florence S.	Sanford, N. C.
1954	Capps, Joseph	Raleigh, N. C.
1950	Capps, Mrs. Peggy Lee	R. F. D. No. 2
1920	Cavanaugh, Mrs. A. P.	216 Horne St.
1950	Cavanaugh, Arthur	216 Horne St.
1954	Charles, Alice	Pythian Home
1954	Charles, Diane	Washington, D. C.
1953	Cole, Dr. H. A.	211 Blanche St.
1949	Cole, Mrs. H. A.	211 Blanche St.
1949	Cole, H. A., Jr.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
1944	Compton, R. Keith	Main St.
1938	Compton, Mrs. R. Keith	Main St.
1940	Compton, R. Keith, Jr.	Main St.
1940	Compton, William Avera	Garner, N. C.

1917	Conner, Mrs. Elizabeth W.	Almador, California
1950	Corbett, Faye	Raleigh, N. C.
1926	Creech, Mrs. Otto	118 Blanche St.
1955	Creech, Alice Inez	118 Blanche St.
1948	Dean, Mrs. Betty Bain	Winston-Salem, N. C.
1936	Debnam, Mrs. L. D.	Winston-Salem, N. C.
1958	Dixon, Cecelia	R. F. D. No. 1
1958	Dixon, Rose Marie	R. F. D. No. 1
1946	Dodd, Mrs. Charlie R.	115 First St.
1946	Dodd, Joseph	115 First St.
1955	Dodd, Virginia	115 First St.
1956	Dunn, Mrs. Elizabeth Z.	Page St.
1953	Dunnagan, Dr. W. A.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
1953	Dunnagan, Mrs. W. A.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
1955	Dunnagan, Carolyn Royal	Chapel Hill, N. C.
1906	Ellis, Mrs. Emma	Raleigh, N. C.
1925	Ellis, Sam	114 Whitaker St.
1895	Farmer, Mrs. A. J.	575 O'Neil St.
1926	Farmer, I. Weisner	Raleigh, N. C.
1954	Faulk, Connie	Pythian Home
1954	Faulk, Linda	Pythian Home
1954	Faulk, Patsy	Pythian Home
1945	Ferrell, Addie Lou	517 Second St.
1949	Ferrell, Rosalie	517 Second St.
1915	Ferrell, Mrs. Waldo	414 Main St.
1955	Fields, Wilbur O.	Windsor, N. C.
1955	Fields, Mrs. Wilbur O.	Windsor, N. C.
1956	Forrester, Dr. Eugene N.	Florida
1956	Forrester, Mrs. Eugene N.	Florida
1932	Fortune, Mrs. Helen W.	East Bend, N. C.
1950	Gardner, Mrs. Elizabeth	520 Second St.
1914	Gattis, Aubrey S.	320 Stallings St.
1911	Godwin, Mrs. J. L.	339 Page St.
1928	Godwin, Jasper L., Jr.	Lincoln, Nebraska
1920	Gower, Dr. F. D.	324 Main St.
1958	Greason, James Boyd	Raleigh, N. C.
1958	Greason, Mrs. James Boyd	Raleigh, N. C.
1946	Gulley, Ray	211 Second St.
1915	Gulley, Mrs. Ray	211 Second St.
1914	Gurthrie, Mrs. Eula Mae	Jacksonville, N. C.
1947	Hall, G. Shelbon	222 O'Neil St.
1947	Hall, Mrs. G. Shelbon	222 O'Neil St.
1957	Hall, Nancy S.	222 O'Neil St.
1949	Hall, Mrs. Winfred	211 Blanche St.
1937	Hammid, Mrs. Christine M.	Raleigh, N. C.

1954	Hardin, Anthony	Pythian Home
1952	Hardin, Roger	Pythian Home
1954	Harrelson, Bobby	Pythian Home
1952	Harrelson, James E.	Richmond, Va.
1952	Harrelson, Katherine	Pythian Home
1954	Harrelson, Roger	Pythian Home
1952	Haston, Mrs. J. H.	Indianapolis, Ind.
1953	Hearn, W. H.	Rock Hill, S. C.
1953	Hearn, Mrs. W. H.	Rock Hill, S. C.
1954	Hearn, Vicky Nell	Rock Hill, S. C.
1950	Hethcox, Mrs. R. L.	103 Second St.
1941	Hill, Mrs. Lizzie M.	548 Fayetteville St.
1951	Hinton, Mrs. Luther, Jr.	Maine
1949	Hocutt, Mrs. Herbert	419 Horne St.
1958	Hocutt, Quincy B.	419 Horne St.
1945	Holder, Curvis E.	583 O'Neil St.
1949	Holder, Mrs. Curvis E.	583 O'Neil St.
1945	Holder, Mrs. J. D.	583 O'Neil St.
1937	Holder, R. M.	Raleigh, N. C.
1937	Holland, Mrs. Margaret	302 Fayetteville St.
1915	Holland, Mrs. Y. M.	461 Second St.
1910	Horne, Ashley	233 Stallings St.
1954	Horne, Mrs. Ashley	233 Stallings St.
1941	Horne, Charles W.	233 Stallings St.
1957	House, Raymond M.	326 Page St.
1934	House, Mrs. Raymond M.	326 Page St.
1950	Jackson, Wilburt	R. F. D. No. 2
1950	Jackson, Mrs. Wilburt	R. F. D. No. 2
1955	Jackson, Diane	R. F. D. No. 2
1955	Jackson, DeLois May	R. F. D. No. 2
1955	Jackson, Darlene	R. F. D. No. 2
1930	Jefferies, Nicholas	Raleigh, N. C.
1952	Jefferies, Nicholas, Jr.	Raleigh, N. C.
1956	Jernigan, Pattie Frances	Germany
1931	Johnson, Willie	R. F. D. No. 2
1931	Johnson, Mrs. Willie	R. F. D. No. 2
1915	Jones, Mrs. Clarence W.	R. F. D. No. 2
1937	Jones, J. Elbert	323 Blanche St.
1927	Jones, Mrs. J. Elbert	323 Blanche St.
1952	Jordan, Judy	Greensboro, N. C.
1952	Jordan, Larry	Greensboro, N. C.
1952	Jordan, Rachel	Greensboro, N. C.
1949	Justice, Roy	R. F. D. No. 2
1945	Justice, Mrs. Roy	R. F. D. No. 2
1949	Justice, Gene Spencer	R. F. D. No. 2

1954	Justice, Paula	R. F. D. No. 2
1945	Keiler, Mrs. Paul	315 Church St.
1956	Keller, Elisabeth	315 Church St.
1950	Lamm, Mrs. Willie, Jr.	Raleigh, N. C.
1950	Lassiter, Ayden D.	220 Church St.
1924	Lassiter, Mrs. Ayden D.	220 Church St.
1948	Lassiter, James D.	220 Church St.
1950	Lassiter, Joseph Parham	220 Church St.
1957	Lee, Aubrey Gene	311 Second St.
1950	Lee, Jerry Duke	Four Oaks, N. C.
1958	Lovelace, Curtis	R. F. D. No. 1
1958	Lovelace, Mrs. Curtis	R. F. D. No. 1
1954	Lynch, Mrs. Virginia	Second St.
1955	Lynch, Dayland	Second St.
1955	Lynch, Julian	Second St.
1955	Lynch, Wayland	Second St.
1957	Mahaffey, Billy Howard	Pythian Home
1948	Martin, Mrs. W. C.	312 Blanche St.
1953	Mayo, John W.	302 Fayetteville St.
1937	Mayo, Mrs. John W.	302 Fayetteville St.
1955	Mayo, Cherrill	302 Fayetteville St.
1956	Mayo, Eleanor	302 Fayetteville St.
1906	McCullers, E. Warren	105 Main St.
1943	McCullers, Mrs. E. Warren	105 Main St.
1955	Medlin, Davis	323 Second St.
1955	Medlin, Mrs. Davis	323 Second St.
1955	Medlin, Charles	323 Second St.
1955	Medlin, Thomas	323 Second St.
1955	Medlin, Ronald	323 Second St.
1954	Misner, Mrs. R. H., Jr.	Raleigh, N. C.
1915	Mitchell, Mrs. Carl	R. F. D. No. 2
1941	Mitchell, Curtis	Clayton, N. C.
1941	Mitchell, Herbert	207 Main St.
1955	Mitchell, Mrs. John A.	355 Second St.
1945	Mitchell, Johnnie B.	529 Barbour St.
1940	Mitchell, Mrs. Johnnie B.	529 Barbour St.
1955	Mock, Mrs. Minnie	Raleigh, N. C.
1915	Moore, Mrs. E. M.	400 Lombard St.
1958	Moore, Mrs. Faye Clark	Goldsboro, N. C.
1945	Moore, Jimmy	Goldsboro, N. C.
1955	Moore, Mrs. Herman	Main St.
1947	Mooneyham, Mrs. C. M.	222 O'Neil St.
1920	Moye, Mrs. Oma	R. F. D. No. 2
1946	Nelson, Caroline Ann	Washington, D. C.
1932	Nelson, J. E.	467 Second St.

1934	Nelson, Mrs. J. E.	167 Second St.
1948	Nelson, Virginia	467 Second St.
1950	Newton, Elbert Clay	Raleigh, N. C.
1956	Norris, Janet Sue	R. F. D. No. 2
1914	O'Neil, Cedric	Virginia
1945	O'Neil, Mrs. Cedric	Virginia
1917	O'Neil, E. W.	402 Fayetteville St.
1958	O'Neil, Mrs. E. W.	402 Fayetteville St.
1958	O'Neil, Ernest William	402 Fayetteville St.
1958	O'Neil, Howell Watson	402 Fayetteville St.
1948	Parrish, Mrs. Mildred	O'Neil St.
1951	Peele, Stanley	R. F. D. No. 1
1951	Peele, Mrs. Stanley	R. F. D. No. 1
1950	Peele, W. R.	R. F. D. No. 1
1950	Peele, Mrs. W. R.	R. F. D. No. 1
1936	Peele, W. R., Jr.	112 O'Neil St.
1956	Peele, Mrs. W. R., Jr.	112 O'Neil St.
1911	Penn, Mrs. W. S.	310 Fayetteville St.
1920	Penn, Lt. Col. William S.	Ft. Bliss, Texas
1951	Penney, Joseph	11 Moore St.
1949	Pleasant, Elcoy (Tom)	218 Whitaker St.
1954	Poole, J. W.	403 Stallings St.
1954	Poole, Mrs. J. W.	403 Stallings St.
1909	Pope, Mrs. Mildred B.	307 Lombard St.
1915	Pounds, E. A.	R. F. D. No. 2
1954	Pounds, Mrs. E. A.	R. F. D. No. 2
1954	Pounds, Woodson	R. F. D. No. 2
1954	Pounds, Mrs. Woodson	R. F. D. No. 2
1954	Powell, Faye	Pythian Home
1946	Pruden, Gordon	Raleigh, N. C.
1946	Pruden, Mrs. Gordon	Raleigh, N. C.
1943	Rasor, Brooks M.	135 Horne St.
1928	Rasor, Mrs. Brooks M.	135 Horne St.
1953	Rasor, Mrs. J. W.	135 Horne St.
1917	Richardson, Sarah	461 E. Second St.
1946	Robertson, Battle M.	312 Lombard St.
1898	Robertson, Mrs. B. M.	304 Lombard St.
1955	Robertson, Elizabeth Carolina	315 Horne St.
1918	Robertson, John B.	312 Lombard St.
1935	Robertson, Mrs. John B.	312 Lombard St.
1927	Robertson, Sam E.	315 Horne St.
1946	Robertson, Mrs. Sam E.	315 Horne St.
1956	Rogers, Mrs. Sallie Parker	318 Fayetteville St.
1918	Rose, Mrs. L. T.	329 Barbour St.
1940	Sanders, David	Garner, N. C.

1915	Sanders, Mrs. R. W.	315 Lombard St.
1928	Sanders, R. W., Jr.	301 Lombard St.
1950	Sanders, Mrs. R. W., Jr.	301 Lombard St.
1934	Satterfield, David G.	R. F. D. No. 1
1952	Satterfield, Mrs. David G.	R. F. D. No. 1
1932	Satterfield, Mrs. Shields	223 Blanche St.
1934	Satterfield, Virginia Lee	223 Blanche St.
1952	Sealey, James E.	Pythian Home
1956	Sealey, Janice	R. F. D. No. 2
1951	Self, Jennie V.	Supply, N. C.
1954	Self, Linda	Pythian Home
1954	Self, Roy	Pythian Home
1935	Smith, Anna	212 Barbour St.
1935	Smith, Mrs. Frank	213 O'Neil St.
1949	Smith, Franklin Neil	213 O'Neil St.
1945	Spikes, Lucille	Raleigh, N. C.
1919	Starling, Julian S.	215 Horne St.
1911	Starling, Mrs. Julian S.	215 Horne St.
1957	Stephenson, James	205 Lombard St.
1957	Stephenson, Mrs. James	205 Lombard St.
1940	Stephenson, Mrs. Lonnie	205 Lombard St.
1956	Stephenson, Ray	205 Lombard St.
1955	Strickland, Sam B.	321 Horne St.
1940	Strickland, Mrs. Sam B.	321 Horne St.
1904	Talton, C. R.	529 Second St.
1915	Talton, Mrs. C. R.	529 Second St.
1932	Talton, Max	New Bern, N. C.
1949	Turner, Colon	R. F. D. No. 2
1949	Turner, Mrs. Colon	R.F. D. No. 2
1955	Turner, Janet Lee	R. F. D. No. 2
1941	Vinson, James T.	R. F. D. No. 1
1949	Vinson, Mrs. James T.	R. F. D. No. 1
1945	Wall, Mrs. A. B., Jr.	Cheyenne, Wyoming
1943	Wall, Mrs. Dan	305 Hamby St.
1917	Wall, Delma	220 Ellington St.
1918	Wall, Mrs. Delma	220 Ellington St.
1955	Wall, Edith DeLayne	120 Main St.
1918	Wall, Mrs. Robert	120 Main St.
1915	Wall, Mrs. R. A.	319 Stallings St.
1940	Wall, Wallace	Augusta, Georgia
1954	Wallace, Mrs. Ernest	201 Blanche St.
1954	Walters, Bobby Jean	R. F. D. No. 1
1954	Walters, Eunice	R. F. D. No. 1
1946	Wannamaker, Mrs. Emmitt	Greenwick, Conn.
1954	Weathers, Hal	Pythian Home

1943	Weight, Mrs. Maxine Dodd	Washington, D. C.
1952	Whitley, Billy	318 Blanche St.
1898	Whitley, Mrs. Nina	215 Horne St.
1955	Williams, Constance Priscilla	Raleigh, N. C.
1954	Wilson, David	123 Horne St.
1952	Woodbury, Robert W.	Pythian Home
1914	Young, Mrs. Garland	123 Blanche St.
1910	Young, John A.	123 Blanche St.

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